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Abstract

The CANOL Project was a massive World War II project completed under the auspices of the U.S. Army. It directly involved much of northwestern Canada and Alaska and was larger than the Alaska Highway Project. The CANOL No. 1 Pipeline was abandoned in 1945 after 13 months of full-scale operation. No rehabilitation was attempted and most of the Northwest Territories section has remained closed to the present day.

Eight distinct types of disturbances are identified within the study area: road, false start road, bladed trail, camp yard, bulldozer track, gravel pit, gravel pit access road and oil spill. When present, each disturbance type was described from the seven physiognomically-defined plant communities in the study area: Erect Deciduous Shrub Tundra, Decumbent Shrub Tundra, Sedge Meadow Tundra, Lichen Heath Tundra, Fruticose Lichen Tundra, Cushion Plant Tundra and Crustose Lichen Tundra.

After approximately 3.5 decades, even minor disturbances retained recognizable substrate differences when compared to control sites. Generally, the disturbance substrates were drier and more mineral-dominated with warmer subsurface temperatures. Notable organic matter accumulations were found, even on disturbances such as gravel pits. Oil spills remain oil-soaked, with significant quantities of crude oil only partly decomposed.

Plant community studies identify 15 floristically-defined plant communities within the 7 structurally-defined plant communities. Woody plants colonized disturbances within 20 years of abandonment and only roads and oil spills did not support shrubs within 9 years on average. Above-ground phytomass was lower than that of the controls on all disturbances with average values ranging from 10% to 40%. Floristic similarity between controls and disturbances varied greatly with the type of plant community. Lichens commonly showed little recovery or recolonization. Several plant species consistently formed a high percentage of the plant cover on disturbances but were found rarely in adjacent, undisturbed areas. Floristic diversity was often greater in disturbance plant communities than in control communities. Oil spills generally had low plant cover and low species diversity, indicating that these disturbances remain hostile for most plants.

Studies of resident wildlife use indicated that most mammals preferred to use disturbed areas. In the long-term, disturbances often provide a desirable edge habitat. Many also provided elevated habitats and unimpeded travel-ways for large mammals. Mammals were generally more abundant on disturbances than in control areas.

An integration of these data indicates that Decumbent Shrub Tundra and Crustose Lichen Tundra were most and least affected respectively by the CANOL Project disturbances. Substrate moisture and temperature characteristics frequently affected the rate of organic accumulation by favouring shrub colonization.

A number of implications for future northern development are discussed. Despite a total lack of project preplanning and little concern for environmental impacts, both positive and negative, long-term ecological responses were found. A vigorous rehabilitation programme would probably have enhanced ecological recovery. All oil spills have produced negative long-term alterations and without assistance, will remain little changed in the near future.

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Problem Statement

The CANOL Pipeline Project, in its abandoned state, provides an example of how a major, large scale development has altered the local environment in this northern setting. After approximately 3.5 decades, the disturbances persist in an abandoned state and there has been no attempt to rehabilitate them. The CANOL Project can therefore be used as a case study of how a number of man-induced disturbances will affect northern environments over a long time frame. Northern studies, with few exceptions, have had to work on short-term (e.g. 1 to 5 year) responses to a limited number of disturbances. However, CANOL disturbances encompass an array of examples of environmental alterations that will be common to most contemporary and future northern developments.

An holoceneotic approach has been adopted for this study. This was done in order to gain an understanding of how these long-term disturbances have affected a number of key ecosystem components. This type of study can provide an overview of ecological consequences but not necessarily the depth and detail that a specialist in a particular field would strive for. The selection and measurement of only certain key soil, vegetation and wildlife characteristics of the ecosystem was completed. The framework for this study was the major plant communities that compose the various study area ecosystems.

The rate of development in northern and alpine environments is accelerating. The exploitation of the mineral, hydrocarbon and renewable resources in previously inaccessible regions undoubtedly will disrupt established ecosystems. The effect of man-induced disturbances on these living systems is currently under study by various private and public agencies in an effort to determine the environmental costs of this exploitation. However, few other studies have been of disturbances more than 5 years of age.

The long-term success of rehabilitative measures and the use of native plant species as colonizers is often overlooked in environmental impact assessments. Most large scale projects are still in the planning stages (e.g. Norman Wells Pipeline, Alaska Highway Pipeline, Arctic Pilot Project) or have been initiated only recently in the North

(e.g. Aleyeska Pipeline, Mackenzie Delta Hydrocarbon Exploration). Consequently, extensive developments that have been abandoned for a long period of time are rare. Today, the discovery of an exploitable resource often is followed quickly by disturbances associated with exploration or development and rehabilitative measures must be planned with little knowledge of how they will evolve in the long-term. The massive CANOL Project, which affected a diversity of ecosystems, presents an ideal opportunity for the study of natural rehabilitation of man-induced disturbances over a period of three and one half decades.

Through long-term studies it may be demonstrated that, in certain instances, given sufficient time, natural processes can produce acceptable levels of recovery without intervention by man (Lawson et al. 1979).¹ In other cases, it can be shown that the current ecosystem is incapable of producing an acceptable level of recovery without some assistance. The results of this type of analysis can be used to make rehabilitation decisions in an effort to produce the best recovery rates with the least environmental and financial costs. Unnecessary rehabilitative measures can cause unforeseen impacts upon an already beleaguered ecosystem and these also must be avoided. Results of a study on the long-term ecological consequences of disturbances associated with the CANOL Project may be relevant to similar arctic and subarctic areas currently under development. The CANOL Project has produced numerous examples of the type of disturbance that recovers naturally as well as those which remain little changed after three and one half decades.

¹An acceptable level of recovery will vary with the perspective of the agency or individual assessing the nature and extent of recovery. One agency may desire only erosion control on a site whereas another may require that rehabilitation result in no visual differences between the disturbance and the undisturbed, natural environment. Time frame is also an essential consideration since environmental responses in the North are slow as a result of the short, severe and variable growing season. It is not the objective of this study to provide a definition of what is acceptable, if indeed that is possible.

1.2 Overview Of The CANOL Project

The CANOL Project affected a diversity of environments over a broad geographical area. The research area encompasses the abandoned section of the CANOL Project within tundra areas in the Northwest Territories, Canada (Figure 1.1). The CANOL Project was a World War II venture commissioned by the United States (U.S.) Army but engineered, designed, constructed and operated by civilian U.S. contractors, employing a work force consisting of both American and Canadian nationals. The Project was designed to transport crude oil produced at Norman Wells on the Mackenzie River (at that time the northernmost producing oilfield on the continent) to Whitehorse in the Yukon Territory. The oil was refined in Whitehorse and the finished products transported by pipelines to Carcross and Watson Lake in the Yukon and to Fairbanks and Skagway in Alaska. These products were provided for the defense of Alaska and Canada against the Japanese and for the fueling of aircraft being flown to the U.S.S.R. over the Northwest Staging Route as part of the lend-lease agreements (Richardson 1944a).

The CANOL Project entailed the construction of a 10.2 cm diameter, 737 km crude oil pipeline from Norman Wells to the Alaska Highway at Johnson's Crossing and a 15.2 cm diameter, 192 km pipeline from that point to Whitehorse. From Whitehorse, 5.1 cm and 7.6 cm diameter pipelines distributed products to the locations mentioned above (Finnie 1945b, Hemstock 1945, U.S. Army 1950)(Figure 1.1). A total of 2,575 km of pipelines in four separate systems eventually were constructed, as well as 828 km of gravel-surfaced tote road², 829 km of telephone system, 2,415 km of primarily new winter roads, 10 aircraft landing strips along the Mackenzie River (U.S.Army 1950:26-37) and 58 wells of which 55 produced commercial quantities of oil (U.S.Army 1950). In addition to this, 2,736 km of water routes were upgraded (Finnie 1945b)(Figure 1.1). Construction began in October 1942 and the Whitehorse refinery commenced operations on 30 April 1944. The estimated total Project cost was \$138,000,000 1942/43 U.S. dollars (Truman Committee 1944a), exceeding that of the Alaska Highway. Several Projects were carried out within CANOL and most of these involved air routes and winter roads. These are outlined in more detail in Section 2.5.3.

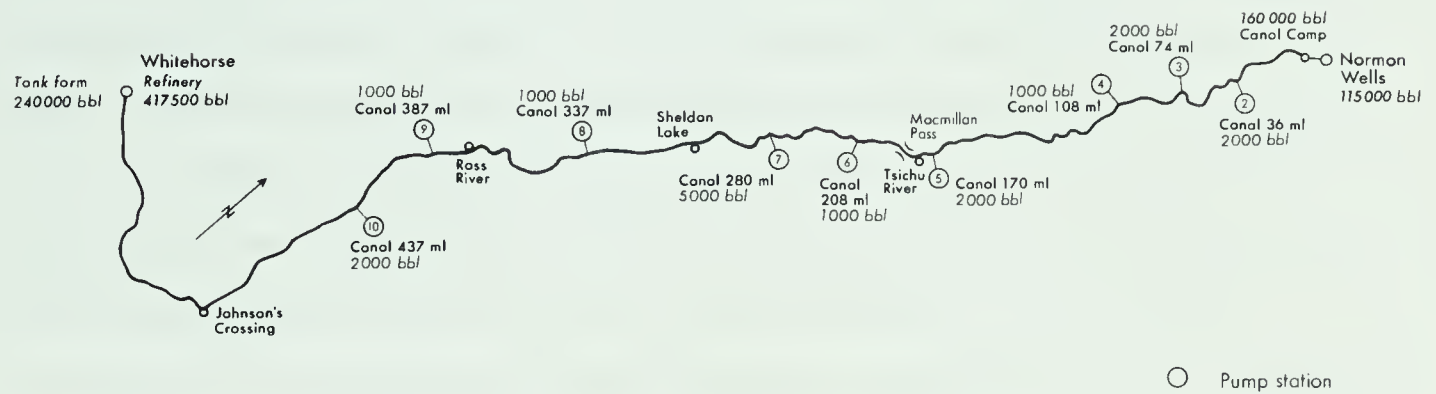
²Service road, not intended for light, single-axled vehicle traffic during all seasons.



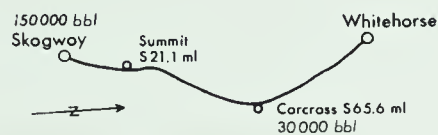
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Figure 1.1 Northwestern Canada and Alaska, joint defence construction projects, 1944

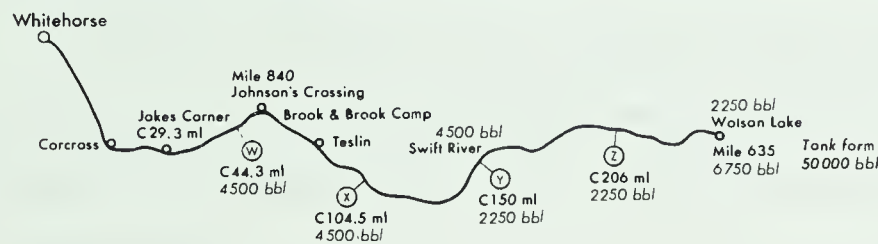
CANOL No. 1 Canol to Whitehorse - pipeline, oil weather road, telephone system



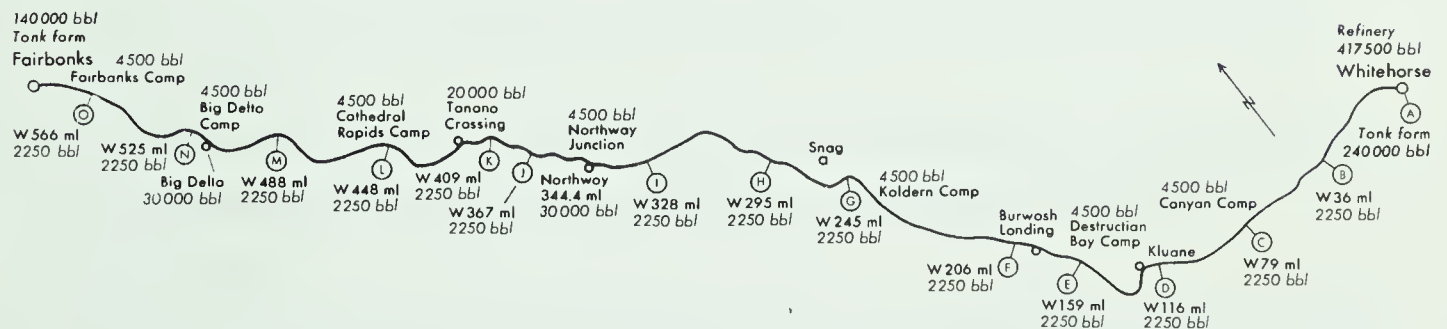
CANOL No. 2 Skagway to Whitehorse - pipeline, railroad, telephone system



CANOL No. 3 Whitehorse to Watson Lake - pipeline, highway, telephone system



CANOL No. 4 Whitehorse to Fairbanks - pipeline, highway, telephone system



CANOL No. 6 Grimshaw to Norman Wells - winter road (see main map)

After Imperial Oil Ltd, 1944

Figure 1.1 continued

Only the Northwest Territories sections of the CANOL No.1 pipeline, road and associated telephone system were considered in this study. This section of the Project, referred to as CANOL No.1 East by historical sources, was constructed between 10 October 1942 and 12 March 1944 and was abandoned by 31 May 1945. In the postwar years, oil and other developments in Alberta encouraged recovery of some of the materials along the route. In much of the area, salvage operations were completed by the fall of 1953. During the 39 years since the initial disturbances were created, the Northwest Territories section has not been artificially rehabilitated and most of the study area still remains closed to auto traffic. However, the Yukon portion of the Canol Road has been open to traffic since 1969 and the recent disturbances in this area preclude the possibility of studying long-term natural recovery there. Speculation persists that the Northwest Territories section may also be reopened eventually.

1.3 Purpose of Study

The main objective of this research was to determine how major components of the ecosystems in the study area have been affected by the man-induced disturbances initiated by the CANOL Project. With this objective as a goal, the following four purposes were outlined:

1. Describe the circumstances and nature of the disturbances at their initiation in 1942–1945.
2. Determine the current ecological characteristics of CANOL disturbances after 32–37 years.
3. Compare the disturbed areas to control or reference areas that were undisturbed in order to determine the long-term ecological consequences of the initial disturbances.
4. Discuss the implications that the results of this study will have for future northern developments.

1.4 Location

The eastern portion of the Canol Road was marked with Road Mile Posts (R.M.P.) commencing at the western bank of the Mackenzie River. Many of these still remain and all locations in this study were keyed to these permanent markers. This facilitated reference to previous accounts pertaining to the CANOL Project. Consequently, locations will be referred to by R.M.P. in the text. Where the mile post location is part of a place name it has been used directly (e.g. Camp 108).

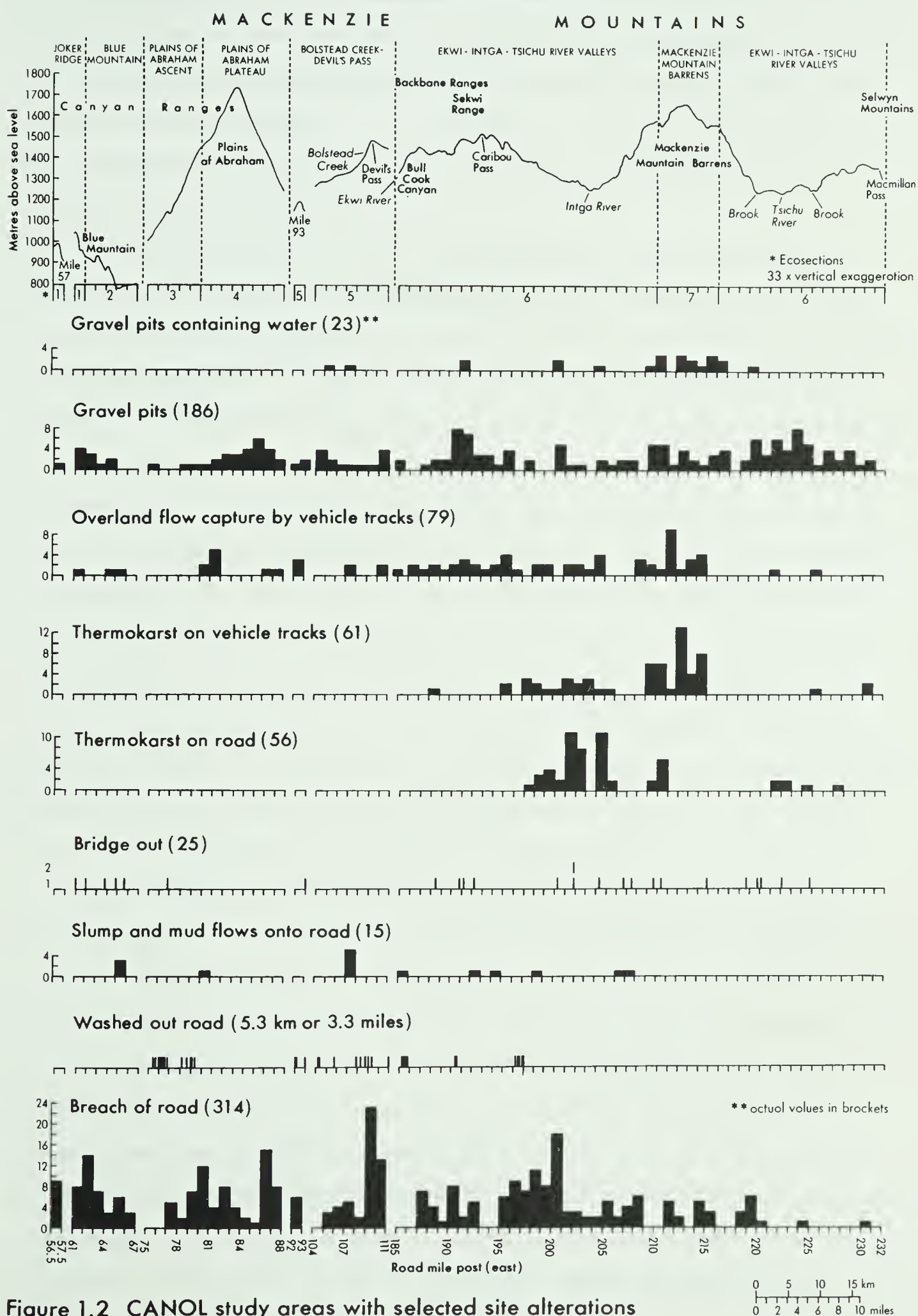
The study area includes sections of the CANOL No. 1 East route between the Continental Divide and the Mackenzie River in the Northwest Territories (Figure 1.1). This area extends over one and a half degrees of latitude and three degrees of longitude between R.M.P. 56.5 at 64°41'N., 127°10'W. and R.M.P. 231.3 at 63°14'N., 130°02'W. The area affected by the CANOL Project generally forms a corridor which varies in width and at times includes three separate rights-of-way (i.e. road, pipeline and telephone line). An estimated total of 3.4 sq km was altered directly by the Project within the study area. This includes 117 km of road and 6.5 km of false start roads, each averaging 15 m in width; 117 km of telephone and pipeline rights-of-way, each averaging 5 m in width; and 186 gravel pits averaging 5,000 m² in area.

1.5 General Environmental Setting

Only areas above timberline (i.e. alpine tundra) were studied. Timberline was defined by the upper (elevational) limit of trees (Tranquillini 1979) and any member of a tree species (i.e. *Picea glauca*, *P. mariana* or *Abies lasiocarpa* in the study area) that possessed a single central trunk growing at least 2 m above the mean winter snow depth was considered a tree (Pruitt 1978)³. The height of layered branches at the base of the tree indicate the mean winter snow depth. Figure 1.2 illustrates that timberline occurs at successively lower elevations from the southwest to the northeast in the study area. Six separate sectors of tundra were studied between R.M.P. 56.5 near Canol Lake and R.M.P. 231 in Macmillan Pass (Figures 1.1 and 1.2). These extend over 117 km or 31 % of the total route east of the Continental Divide at Macmillan Pass on the Yukon/Northwest Territories border.

³Nomenclature follows Porsild and Cody 1980

Topographic profiles along the Canol Road in the study areas (117 km or 73 miles), oriented from the northeast to the southwest



Elevations of the tundra affected by the CANOL Project range from 775 m above sea level (asl) near the Mackenzie River to 1,740 m asl on the Plains of Abraham (Figure 1.2). This alpine area includes portions of the Selwyn and Mackenzie Mountain chains. Dramatic changes in elevation occur along the route. For example, on the ascent to the Plains of Abraham the pipeline gradient is 55 m/km over a distance of 13.7 km, occasionally achieving grades of 17%.

The Selwyn Mountains, located on the Continental Divide, are composed predominantly of Devonian and Mississippian shales with Cretaceous monzonite and granodiorite intrusives (Blusson 1971, 1974). Due to differential erosion, the Selwyns have higher elevations (e.g. 2,792 m at Keele Peak) than are found in the Mackenzie Mountains. The Mackenzie Mountains, which encompass the bulk of the study area, attain local heights of approximately 2,380 m north of Caribou Pass (R.M.P.93) and can be subdivided into two sections within the CANOL Project area. The western section lies west of the Twitya River at R.M.P. 130 and is composed primarily of Proterozoic and Cambrian limestones, shales, siltstones and sandstones (Blusson, 1971, 1974). The eastern section extends from the Twitya River to the Carcajou River at R.M.P. 28 and is composed primarily of Proterozoic dolomites; Cambrian siltstones, sandstones and shales; Ordovician quartzites, dolomites and slates; Silurian dolomites; and Devonian dolomites. Three of the five ranges of the Mackenzie Mountains are included in the study area (i.e. the Sekwi, Backbone and Canyon Ranges) plus two large plateaus named the Mackenzie Mountain Barrens and the Plains of Abraham (Figures 1.1 and 1.2).

Field evidence, in conjunction with a few published sources, indicates that extensive sections of this area were unglaciated during the Wisconsin glaciation (Bird 1974a, 1974b; Hanley et al. 1973; Hughes 1970a, 1970b; Prest et al. 1967; Prest 1969). Those sections along the road between R.M.P. 158 and R.M.P. 231 were glaciated whereas unglaciated areas are found between R.M.P. 30 and R.M.P. 158. This does not mean that alpine glaciers were absent from these regions but rather that they were generally small and localized, not extending onto the valley bottoms. The numerous plateaus and intervening valleys between R.M.P. 23 and R.M.P. 158 commonly exhibit such features as tors, cryoplanation terraces, stone pitting, blockfields and blockslopes, continuous patterned ground, interfingering spurs, V-shaped valley profiles and

coalescing piedmont accumulations. These features suggest considerable antiquity and hence the exposure of these surfaces during the Wisconsin glaciation.

Climatic data for the Mackenzie and Selwyn Mountains are available from three reporting stations (Figure 1.1)

1. Tungsten, Northwest Territories (since 1966)
2. Sheldon Lake, Yukon Territory (May to September since 1970)
3. Tsichu River, Northwest Territories (since 1974).

Unfortunately these have not provided continuous records and were only established recently. Data from the Norman Wells station (established in 1943) include the following: mean annual temperature of -6.3°C , mean annual precipitation of 335 mm, mean annual snowfall of 143.3 cm over 10 months, 126 frost free days, and two months with an average of one day with freezing temperatures and one month with none (Burns 1973). These data best typify the eastern portion of the study area (Figure 1.1).

The Tsichu River station (established in 1974) is located inside the western border of the study area (Figure 1.1) and consequently these data are most relevant to this study. The Tsichu River station has a mean annual temperature of -7.5°C ; mean annual precipitation of 470 mm and a mean annual snowfall of 278 cm. The mean July temperature is 10°C . However, frosts occur in every month of the year with maximum precipitation occurring in the July to October period (Figure 1.3) Mean daily temperatures are above freezing from late May to mid-September.

The entire study area falls within a Continental climatic regime. However, this is considerably modified by the alpine setting. As a result, the eastern portion, which lies within the Mackenzie Mountain rainshadow, receives considerably less precipitation than does the western portion.

Porsild conducted botanical research along the Canol Road in 1944. He described six major vegetation types (Porsild 1944a, 1944b, 1945, 1951) but only four of these were found in the Northwest Territories section (Porsild 1951). These were:

1. white spruce (*Picea glauca*)–balsam poplar *Populus balsamifera*
2. white spruce–paper birch (*Betula papyrifera*)–black spruce (*Picea mariana*)
3. black spruce
4. alpine tundra

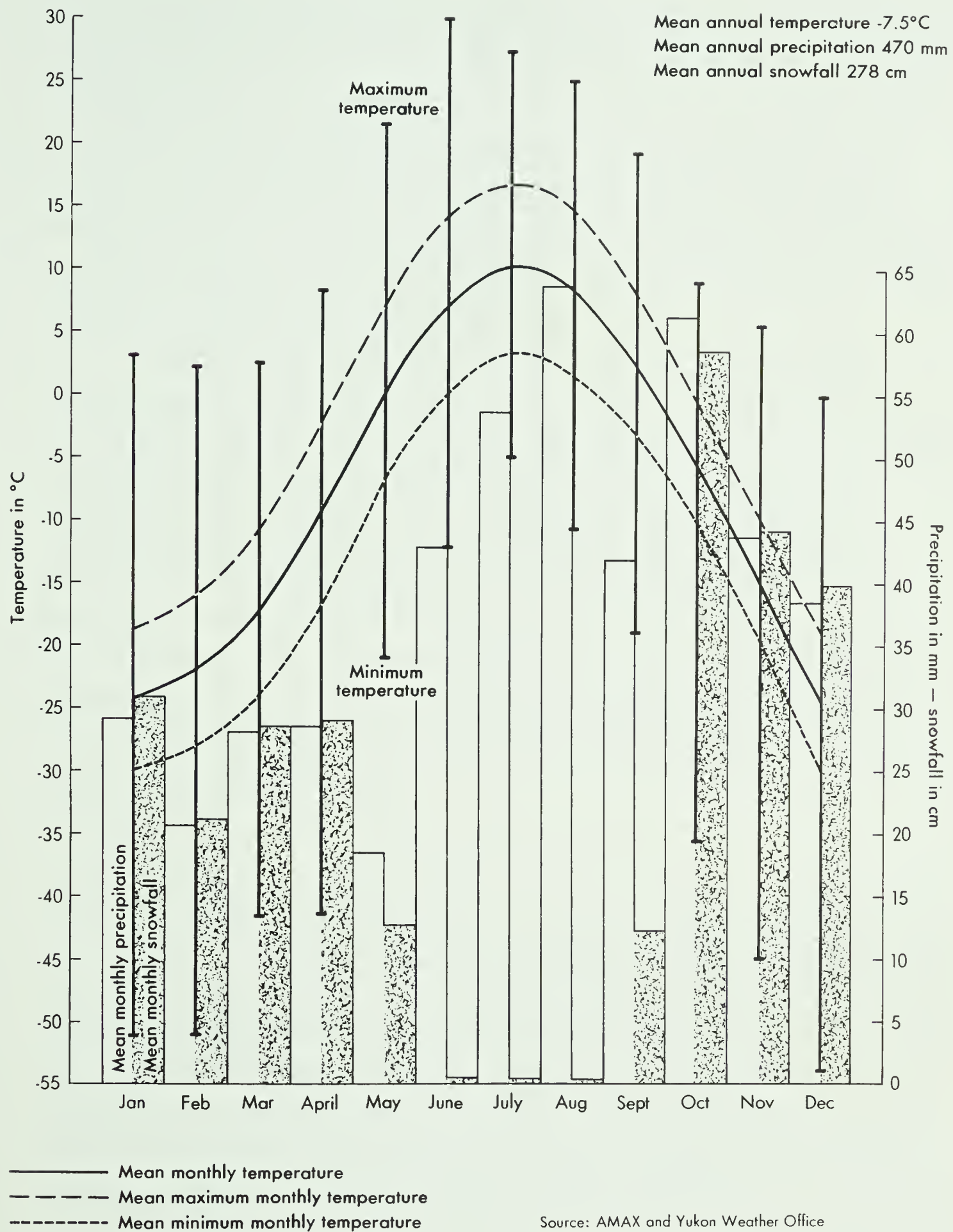


Figure 1.3 Temperature and precipitation characteristics: Tschu River meteorological station, N.W.T., Canada, October 1974 to October 1981

The tundra plant communities vary considerably in their characteristics with dominant plants including dwarf shrubs, forbs, sedges, grasses, lichens, mosses, or combinations of these plant types.

Rand conducted zoological research along the Canol Road in 1944. He made notes on wildlife sightings, and where possible, collected specimens (Rand 1945a, 1945b, 1946). More recent work has been completed by the Canadian Wildlife Service (see Simmons entries in Selected References) and by the Northwest Territories, Fish and Wildlife Service (Sam Miller personal communication).

Wildlife of the alpine tundra includes large mammals such as the woodland caribou (*Rangifer tarandus caribou*), moose (*Alces alces*), grizzly bear (*Ursus arctos*), wolverine (*Gulo gulo*), wolf (*Canis lupus*), and Dall's sheep (*Ovis nivicola dalli*)⁴. Smaller mammals include the arctic ground squirrel (*Spermophilus parryi*), pika (*Ochotona princeps*), hoary marmot (*Marmota caligata caligata*), red-backed vole (*Clethrionomys rutilus*) and Siberian lemming (*Lemmus sibiricus*). The avifauna is rich with Willow Ptarmigan (*Lagopus lagopus*) and Rock Ptarmigan (*L. mutus*), Gyrfalcon (*Falco rusticolus*), Golden Eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*), Long-tailed Jaeger (*Stercorarius longicaudus*), Raven (*Corvus corax*), Short-eared Owl (*Asio flammeus*), American Golden Plover (*Pluvialis dominica*), Old Squaw (*Clangula hyemalis*), Northern Shrike (*Lanius excubitor*), numerous sparrows and many other birds⁵.

1.6 Ecoregions Within the Study Area

Portions of the study area possess combinations of environmental characteristics that place them in broad, natural regions. These 'ecoregions' (Wiken 1979) have relatively homogeneous bedrock geology, geomorphic history, topographic position, mesoclimate, soils, vegetation physiognomy, floristics and wildlife. Ecoregions generally have few characteristics in common. However, some plant communities can be found in two or more of the ecoregions in the study area. The plant communities referred to in the following descriptions will be presented in more detail in Section 4.3.1.

⁴Nomenclature follows Banfield 1977 and Youngmann 1973

⁵Nomenclature follows Godfrey 1966

The six regions of tundra comprising the study area are discernible in Figure 1.2 where the separate topographic profile of each is included. Within these areas, the following ecosections have been defined on the basis of the characteristics noted above:

1. Joker Ridge
2. Blue Mountain
3. Plains of Abraham Ascent
4. Plains of Abraham Plateau
5. Bolstead Creek – Devil's Pass
6. Ekwi–Intga–Tsichu River Valleys
7. Mackenzie Mountain Barrens

1.6.1 Joker Ridge Ecosection

This ecosection is found in the northeastern corner of the study area between R.M.P. 56.5 and R.M.P. 62.5, within the ice-free zone of the Wisconsin glaciation (Figure 1.2). It includes disturbances at elevations ranging from 817 m to 990 m (Plate 1.1). The dolomite bedrock (Aitken and Cook 1974) is thinly mantled by felsenmere and poorly developed soils. On the mountain slopes, frost-riven bedrock up to 2 m thick has created extensive blockfields and blockslopes. Massive patterned ground can be found but few of these features show evidence of recent cryoturbation. This ecosection includes ridge crest, mountain side and valley bottom sites.

Mesoclimatic information is non-existent for this region but some characteristics can be inferred from the environmental setting. The zone lies within the first mountain range of the Eastern Mackenzie Mountains, within the rain shadow of the greater Mackenzie Mountain belt to the west and abutting the Mackenzie Plains on the east. Consequently, total precipitation is much less than that received by the western portion of the study area. Its position along the border of the Mackenzie Plains results in a greater influence from air masses advected from the east, which are presumably the source of the bulk of its precipitation.

Soils are Regosolic and thin to discontinuous, usually with a shallow lithic contact. Surface layers can be organic and total vertical development does not exceed 30 to 35 cm.



1.1 Joker Ridge Ecosection: unglaciated terrain with Decumbent Shrub Tundra dominant above the Erect Deciduous Shrub Tundra of the valleys



1.2 Blue Mountain Ecosection: blockslopes merge with Lichen Heath and Decumbent Shrub Tundra

Plant communities in this ecosection include primarily shrubby vegetation such as Erect and Decumbent Shrub Tundra. Lichen Heath and Crustose Lichen Tundra are also present but occur less commonly (Table 1.1). The communities dominated by taller shrubs are utilized by moose and caribou. Wolves and foxes are also found throughout the area for most of the year. Arctic ground squirrels are present wherever burrow construction is possible and pikas inhabit the blockfield areas.

There is no evidence of ice-rich permafrost in this dry, rocky area. However, fluvial activity has washed out the road and removed bridges in several major seasonal drainage ways (Figure 1.2) while other stretches have experienced little morphological change. Shrubs have colonized road shoulders and ditches, bladed trails, bulldozer tracks and gravel pit access roads. Gravel pits appear to have changed little and still retain steep walls. Many also have ponded water in at least a portion of the depression (Figure 1.2). Bladed trails and bulldozer tracks do not channel runoff in this ecosection because precipitation is light and the substrate freely-drained.

CANOL road and pipeline construction activities in this area occurred during the fall of 1943, followed by winter construction of the telephone line. Separate corridors can be found for each right-of-way. However, the road and associated facilities created the most obvious disturbance within the tundra areas. Road, gravel pit, bladed trail and bulldozer track sites have been studied in this ecosection.

1.6.2 Blue Mountain Ecosection

This ecosection encompasses the area between R.M.P. 62.5 and R.M.P. 67 on the Canol Road and also includes an alternate winter route with mile posts labelled as R.M.P. 61 to R.M.P. 63 (Figure 1.2). Disturbed areas within this zone lie at elevations ranging from 914 m to 1,042 m on northeast-facing slopes and in two mountain saddles through which the Project passed. The road extends around the side of Blue Mountain, dropping down into each of the four drainage ways encountered (Plate 1.2).

Bedrock in this ecosection is mainly quartzite (Aitken and Cook 1974) and blockfields contain lichen-covered blocks up to 2 m in diameter. The area shows little evidence of late Wisconsin glaciation, with the exception of some poorly developed cirques at high elevations. Periglacial features are much in evidence, with slopes mantled

Table 1.1: Plant communities within CANOL Project study area ecosections, N.W.T.

| Plant Communities | E c o s e c t i o n s | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| | Joker Ridge | Blue Mountain | Plains of Abraham Ascent | Plains of Abraham Plateau | Bolstead Creek - Devil's Pass | Ekwi-Intga-Tsichu Rivers | Mackenzie Mountain Barrens |
| Erect Deciduous Shrub Tundra | A | | | | A | D | |
| Decumbent Shrub Tundra | D | F | D | R | F | F | F |
| Sedge Meadow Tundra | | | | R | R | O | D |
| Lichen Heath Tundra | R | A | | | A | F | R |
| Fruticose Lichen Tundra | | R | | | R | O | |
| Cushion Plant Tundra | | | | D | | | |
| Crustose Lichen Tundra | A | A | F | D | O | R | |

'D': Dominant (45-100%); 'A': Abundant (30-45%); 'F': Frequent (10-30%); 'O': Occasional (5-10%); 'R': Rare (0-5%)

by active gelifluction lobes, extensive blockfields and blockslopes, nivation zones and small to large scale, active and inactive patterned ground. The results of over-snow transport are evident and snow avalanches occur frequently during the winter and early spring. Fluvial transport is restricted to drainage ways and debris flows are common.

This ecosection lies within the Mackenzie Mountain rainshadow and receives the bulk of its precipitation from the east. Winter snow is insufficient to cover the larger blocks in the blockfields and is redistributed by winds.

When present, upland soil is Regosolic with evidence of weathering generally less than 10 to 15 cm in depth. Surficial organic deposits up to 20 cm in thickness are occasionally found. On flatter terrain in the valleys, Organic and Brunisolic soils are present.

Plant communities in this ecosection include Decumbent Shrub Tundra, Sedge Meadow Tundra, Lichen Heath Tundra, Fruticose Lichen Tundra and Crustose Lichen Tundra (Table 1.1). Dall's sheep and pikas utilize the mountain slopes while woodland caribou frequent the valley bottoms. Arctic ground squirrels are found throughout the area and wolves and foxes utilize all but the steeper slopes.

Since this area is very active geomorphologically, with frequent avalanches, slumps, mudflows and rockfalls, a number of alterations to initial disturbances have occurred. Where the road traverses slopes, runoff has been forced along the ditch and often has overflowed the roadbed. The effects of erosion have been considerable, and in all draws, bridges and culverts no longer exist and the road has been washed away (Figure 1.2).

Canol Road construction in this area commenced in late July 1943. In the winter of 1944–1945, the alternate route between R.M.P.61 and R.M.P.69 was constructed and used. The pipeline was located up to 4 km from the original road route and the telephone line lay between the two. Pipeline construction was carried out from late October 1943 to late January 1944 and the telephone line construction period extended from early December 1943 to mid-January 1944. Little alteration of the terrain was observed in those areas affected by pipeline or telephone line construction. Road, false start road, bladed trail, bulldozer track, gravel pit, and gravel pit access road sites were studied in this ecosection.

1.6.3 Plains of Abraham Ascent Ecosection

The area between R.M.P. 75.5 and R.M.P. 80 lies within this ecosection (Figure 1.2). Elevation ranges from 1,341 m to 1,457 m in this north-south trending valley which climbs to the Plains of Abraham Plateau (Plate 1.3)

This ecosection lies within the area that was ice-free during the Wisconsin glaciation and is underlain by dolomite bedrock (Aitken and Cook 1974) which outcrops occasionally in the main stream channel. Geomorphologically, this ecosection has been dominated by fluvial erosion and deposition, with a seasonally active channel redistributing alluvium annually. Tributaries have built relatively stable alluvial fans where they enter the main valley but few surfaces have a continuous vegetation cover. Blockslopes mantle the valley walls and extend onto the valley bottom.

The area is dry, soils are excessively drained, there is no surface water storage and the streams are intermittent. However, winter snow cover is generally deep as a result of the deposition of drifting snow from the high plateau.

Soils are poorly developed with only pockets of silty alluvium showing vertical zonation. Organic surface layers are thin to discontinuous and less than 5 cm thick when present. Substrates are generally composed of coarse alluvium which is frequently redistributed.

Plant communities in this ecosection include Erect and Decumbent Shrub Tundra with Crustose Lichen Tundra on the blockslopes (Table 1.1). Dall's sheep and woodland caribou are found throughout the area. Pikas reside in the blockslopes and ground squirrels are common where more stable surfaces are found.

Most disturbances have been affected by fluvial processes on a continuing basis as the stream channel frequently changes course, removing anything in its path. Only isolated stretches of the rights-of-way remain intact after 35 years (Figure 1.2).

Construction was carried out during September 1943, November 1943 to February 1944, and January 1944 for the road, pipeline and telephone lines respectively. The road required substantial maintenance until the time of abandonment. Road, bladed trail and gravel pit disturbances were studied in this ecosection with roads and gravel pits the most common.



1.3 Plains of Abraham Ascent Ecosection: block slopes extend to the valley bottom. On this day, heavy thunder showers produced a temporary channel along the upslope side of the road



1.4 Plains of Abraham Plateau Ecosection: extensive patterned ground has developed on these flat surfaces

1.6.4 Plains of Abraham Plateau Ecosection

The area between R.M.P. 80 and R.M.P. 88 lies on the Plains of Abraham, a flat-topped, unglaciated plateau with elevations ranging from 1,457 m to 1,710 m (Figure 1.2)(Plate 1.4). This zone has been extended to include the R.M.P. 92 – R.M.P. 93 area at 1,219 m.

Dolomite bedrock (Aitken and Cook 1974) underlies from 0.5 m to 2 m. of frost riven bedrock and active patterned ground, blockfields, cryoplanation terraces and tors are common.

During the summer, the area is dry as a result of low precipitation and low moisture retention capacity. Winter snow cover is thin to discontinuous on the exposed plateau due to the combined effect of wind erosion and low snowfall.

The Regosolic soils are limited in extent and are poorly developed, with little organic accumulation. Organic surface layers are best developed on the snowflush and seepage sites. Most of the area is covered by limestone and dolomite blocks. Chemical weathering has heavily pitted rock surfaces, by the removal of calcium carbonate in solution.

Plant communities in this ecosection include Decumbent Shrub Tundra, Sedge Meadow Tundra, Cushion Plant Tundra and Crustose Lichen Tundra (Table 1.1). Dall's sheep, arctic ground squirrels and pikas are common and caribou are frequently observed during the post-calving period in large groups or as solitary animals. With the exception of Rock Ptarmigan, no animals were observed in this area during the winter.

1.6.5 Bolstead Creek - Devils Pass Ecosection

Bolstead Creek and Devil's Pass are located between R.M.P. 104.5 and R.M.P. 111.5 at elevations of from 1,247 m to 1,506 m (Plate 1.5 and Figure 1.2). The valley of Bolstead Creek trends north-south whereas Devil's Pass is oriented east-west (Figure 1.1).

Bedrock in this ecosection is predominantly dolomite from R.M.P. 104.5 to R.M.P. 109.5, with quartzite in the Devil's Pass area. This ecosection lies within the late Wisconsin ice-free area but there is some morphological evidence of high elevation cirques. Aufeis is common on Bolstead Creek and large-scale patterned ground is found



1.5 Bolstead Creek - Devil's Pass Ecosection: Lichen Heath and Erect Deciduous Shrub Tundra dominate in Devil's Pass



1.6 Ekwi-Intga-Tsichu River Valleys Ecosection: Erect Deciduous Shrub Tundra dominates the broad valley floor in the Intga River Valley

nearby. Blockslopes extend to low elevations on north- to east-facing slopes and stone garlands and lobate rock glaciers can be found within 1 km of the CANOL Project rights-of-way. Active and inactive small scale patterned ground is common and palsas are found in Devil's Pass.

Snow and slush avalanches are common in late winter and spring and debris flows often extend onto the valley bottom. This zone receives greater precipitation than do the ecosections farther to the east. During the winter, snow can be 40 cm to 75 cm deep with extensive, wind-packed drifts. Winds can be very strong, due to the funnelling effect of these deeply incised valleys. The high mountains on the southern side of the valleys block direct sunlight during the winter, and in the summer Bolstead Creek valley receives direct sunlight for only a few hours each day.

Soils in this ecosection range from organic-rich to Regosolic. The Organosols have developed in wetlands and Brunisols and Regosols are found on better-drained sites. Brunisols are best developed on silty alluvium while Regosols are commonly on coarse alluvium and colluvium.

Plant communities in this ecosection include Erect Deciduous Shrub Tundra, Decumbent Shrub Tundra, Sedge Meadow Tundra, Lichen Heath Tundra and Fruticose Lichen Tundra (Table 1.1). Dall's sheep, woodland caribou, grizzly bears, porcupines, wolverines, arctic ground squirrels and pikas utilize this area, although caribou do not overwinter here.

Linear disturbances that crossed drainage ways were obliterated and those crossing slopes often redirected and concentrated surface wash (Figure 1.2). Ditches were incised and the roadbed was frequently eroded or breached. Disturbances on blockslopes remain little altered since abandonment. In particular, the road, false start road, bladed trail and gravel pit sites appear fresh and unchanged after 35 years.

The CANOL Project construction period in this ecosection was late September 1943 to late June 1944, mid-October 1943 to late February 1944 and February 1944 for the road, pipeline and telephone lines respectively. The telephone line corridor was separated from the road and pipeline rights-of-way by up to 0.5 km and a false start road was constructed on the north side of Devil's Pass, opposite the Canol Road. Road, false start road, bladed trail, camp yard, bulldozer track, gravel pit, gravel pit access road

and oil spill disturbances were studied in this ecosection.

1.6.6 Ekwi - Intga - Tsichu River Valleys Ecosection

This is the largest ecosection in the study area and encompasses disturbances between R.M.P. 185.5 and R.M.P. 210.8 and between R.M.P. 216.5 and R.M.P. 231 at elevations ranging from 1,256 m to 1,593 m (Plate 1.6). The area extends from Bull Cook Canyon on the Ekwi River, through Caribou Pass, down the valley of the Intga River and up one of its tributaries to the border of the Mackenzie Mountain Barrens. On the southeastern side of the Mackenzie Mountain Barrens, it continues to the Yukon border, the western limit of the study area (Figures 1.1 and 1.2).

The bedrock is complex, consisting of shales, siltstones, sandstones, dolomites, limestones, orthoquartzite and quartzite west of the Mackenzie Mountain Barrens and slate, siltstone, shale, argillite, quartz monzonite and granodiorite towards the Continental Divide (Blusson 1971).

This region was glaciated during the Wisconsin period and several of the peaks in the area retain glacierettes. Periglacial features are common and include palsas, peat plateaus, open system pingos, active and inactive patterned ground, gelifluction lobes and rock glaciers. Ice-rich permafrost exists in palsas and peat plateaus and many till bodies in the area may also have permafrost. Debris flows, snow and slush avalanches and rockfalls have built up extensive debris slope deposits. Recent alluvium is gravelly and confined to the modern stream bottoms where braided reaches are common. Aufeis may occur in braided reaches of the Tsichu River but is not present every year.

Soils include Organics, Brunisols and Regosols. When permafrost is present, Cryosols result. This commonly occurs with organic-dominated soils. Extensive, organic-dominated fens occur in the vicinity of Caribou Pass. Peaty layers have accumulated on most surfaces but vary in thickness from 5 cm to 2 m. On Brunisols they average from 15 to 20 cm in thickness. Areas of clay-rich soils can be found in glacial till or in former lake bottoms.

The main plant community in this ecosection is Erect Deciduous Shrub Tundra. However, Decumbent Shrub Tundra, Sedge Meadow Tundra, Lichen Heath Tundra, Fruticose Lichen Tundra and Crustose Lichen Tundra are also present (Table 1.1). Moose,

woodland caribou, grizzly bears, wolves, foxes, wolverines, ermine, marmots, pikas, porcupines and arctic ground squirrels are found throughout this area. Dall's sheep are also seen but were not noted along the Project rights-of-way. Many of these species show definite habitat preferences within this ecosection. For example, moose spend much of their summer in wetland areas and during the winter, browse on shrubs throughout the area. Caribou migrate out of the area in the late fall and return in early spring.

This ecosection contains a large number of palsas and peat plateaus. Several palsa fields and ice-rich till bodies were traversed by the road, false start roads, bladed trails and/or bulldozer tracks, resulting in ground-ice melt and the creation of a number of thermokarst ponds (Figure 1.2). Where the road was confined to the bed of Bull Cook Canyon, it has been eroded and almost entirely removed (Figure 1.2). Along the Intga River, bladed trail and bulldozer tracks now channel surface drainage for significant distances (Figure 1.2). Bridges on smaller creeks have been left standing with the road approaches eroded away while larger bridges have been undercut and have sustained irreparable structural damage.

In the eastern section of this ecosection Canol Road construction began in early December 1943 and was incomplete when the Project was abandoned. However, by early January 1944 the winter and dry weather tote road was useable. The pipeline and telephone line construction periods extended from February to early March 1944 and from January to February 1944 respectively. Construction of an alternate road between R.M.P. 198 and R.M.P. 200 was initiated but was never completed. Road, false start road, bladed trail, camp yard, bulldozer track, gravel pit, gravel pit access road and oil spill disturbances were studied in this ecosection.

In the western section of this ecosection Canol Road construction began in late December 1943 and maintenance activities continued until the time of abandonment in 1945. The pipeline and telephone line construction periods extended from early February to mid-March 1944 and from January to February 1944 respectively. The rights-of-way deviated by as much as 1.5 km but were generally within 100 m of one another. All types of CANOL disturbances were studied in this ecosection.

1.6.7 Mackenzie Mountain Barrens Ecosection

This ecosection encompasses disturbances between R.M.P. 210.8 and R.M.P. 216.2 on the Mackenzie Mountain Barrens, an undulating plateau with elevations ranging from 1,710 m to 1,567 m (Figures 1.1 and 1.2, Plate 1.7).

Bedrock is primarily slate and shale (Blusson 1971) with a thin, discontinuous covering of till. The Mackenzie Mountain Barrens was glaciated during the Wisconsin glaciation and periglacial features are ubiquitous and active, suggesting that permafrost underlies much of the terrain. Features include palsa/peat plateau complexes and many types of patterned ground.

This area is at least 300 m higher than the Tsichu River Meteorological Station and has a cooler, wetter climate. The snowpack averages from 45 to 65 cm with little redistribution by wind.

Soils include Organic Cryosols and Brunisolic Cryosols. Two-metre peat accumulations have been noted in exposures on palsas. Regosols also occur in areas where bedrock is close to the surface.

The predominant plant community in this ecosection is Sedge Meadow Tundra (Table 1.1). Moose, woodland caribou, grizzly bears, wolverines, ermine, wolves, foxes and arctic ground squirrels utilize this area. Caribou migrate onto the Mackenzie Mountain Barrens in large numbers during both the post-calving period and the rut. Wolverines, ermine and lemming were the only winter inhabitants noted.

Extensive areas of patterned ground cover much of this ecosection. Road disturbances have produced numerous examples of thermokarst, often creating ponds on or adjacent to the roadbed (Figure 1.2). Bladed trails and bulldozer tracks have had remarkably little effect when crossing palsas and peat plateaus. Depressions are visible but few examples of complete thaw or water impoundment were found. Bulldozer disturbances frequently channelize surface flow and the road berm often dams surface runoff with subsequent breaches and/or extensive erosion. Bridges and culverts across existing drainage ways are seldom serviceable (Figure 1.2). From the air, bulldozer tracks are particularly evident, though these features are often difficult to locate when on the ground. A number of wetlands have been created in association with gravel pits (Figure 1.2).



1.7 Mackenzie Mountain Barrens Ecoregion: palsas and peat plateaus cover extensive areas on this Sedge Meadow Tundra-dominated plateau



1.8 Erect Deciduous Shrub Tundra: dominated by *Betula glandulosa*, is extensive in the Tsichu River valley. The Mackenzie Mountain Barrens Ecoregion is visible on the skyline.

The CANOL construction period in this ecosection extended from November 1943 to October 1944. Two main rights-of-way up to 2 km apart were used. Disturbances studied include road, bladed trail, camp yard, bulldozer track, gravel pit and gravel pit access road sites.

1.6.8 Ecosections Summary

Indications are that the geomorphological consequences of actions initiated 34–36 years ago have, as yet, not reached a stable state in many cases. In a number of ecosections there are sites where new drainage ways are still developing along disturbances, where slumping continues to bring slopes into more stable angles and where thermokarst appears to be enlarging thaw ponds in disturbances. These processes are actively modifying CANOL disturbances just as they continue to operate in adjacent, undisturbed areas. In some cases, the long-term consequences of the initial disturbances would have been difficult to determine. However, there are also numerous examples where stability has been reestablished. Nevertheless, it is significant that geomorphological instabilities still exist in response to the initial disturbances and, without detailed, site specific studies it is evident that little can be stated about their future development.

1.7 Plant Communities

The following plant communities were identified within the study area based upon stand physiognomy.

1. Erect Deciduous Shrub Tundra (Plate 1.8) was dominated by tall (greater than 30 cm high) shrubs. These were commonly *Betula glandulosa* and *Salix* species with a diverse understory composed of fruticose lichens or herbaceous vascular plants.
2. Decumbent Shrub Tundra (Plate 1.9) was dominated by prostrate (less than 30 cm high) shrubs. The dominant species varied from site to site but were always woody plants.
3. Sedge Meadow Tundra (Plate 1.10) was dominated by herbaceous plants, although prostrate woody plants often occurred beneath them. *Carex* species were most abundant on these poorly drained sites.

4. Lichen Heath Tundra (Plate 1.11) was dominated by lichens, although heath plants were also common. *Cassiope tetragona* was usually the most common vascular plant while *Cladonia* species were the most abundant non-vascular plants.
5. Fruticose Lichen Tundra (Plate 1.12) was not common in the study area. *Cladonia* species, *Alectoria ochroleuca* and *Cetraria* species were most abundant.
6. Cushion Plant Tundra (Plate 1.13) was dominated by cushion forming plants such as *Dryas* species, *Silene acaulis*, *Salix dodgeana* and other species that take on this growth form under stress. There were also a number of lichens such as *Cetraria* species and *Cladonia* species.
7. Crustose Lichen Tundra (Plate 1.14) was not common in the study area. This epilithic plant community was dominated by species that can be divided into two groups those on acidic and those on basic substrates. Genera such as *Rhizocarpon*, *Polyblastia*, *Lecidea* and *Umbilicaria* were dominant.

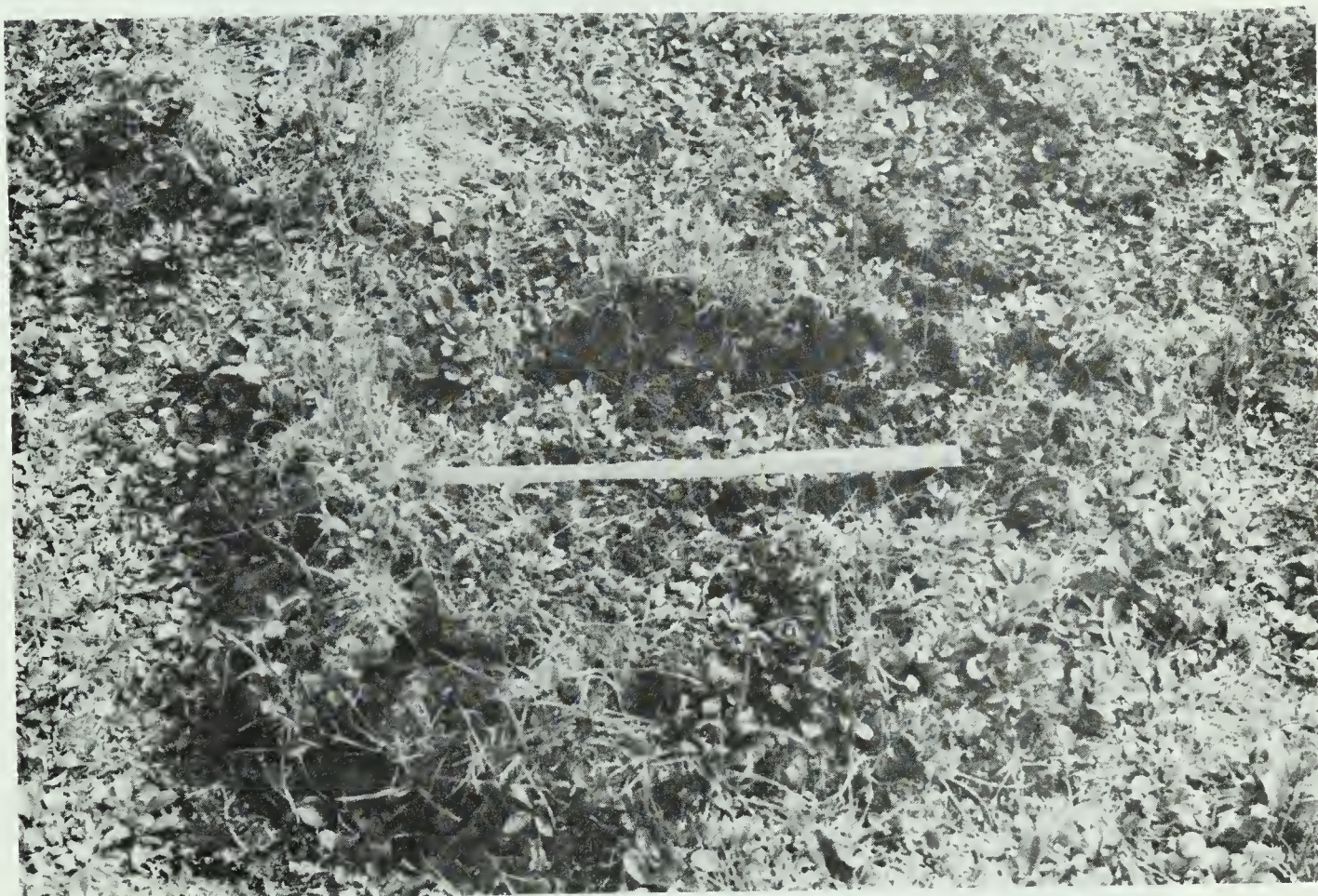
The definition of these communities was based solely on structure and therefore they can include several floristically defined plant communities. More detailed descriptions are provided in Section 4.3.1.

1.8 Types Of Disturbances

Within the study area, the following eight distinct types of disturbances were recognized:

1. road
2. false start road
3. bladed trail
4. camp yard
5. bulldozer track
6. gravel pit
7. gravel pit access road
8. oil spill

The road type is self-explanatory although variations in attitude did occur (Plate 1.15). The road surface was above, below or at the same level as the adjacent undisturbed terrain. It had one, two, or no ditches and these ranged from a few



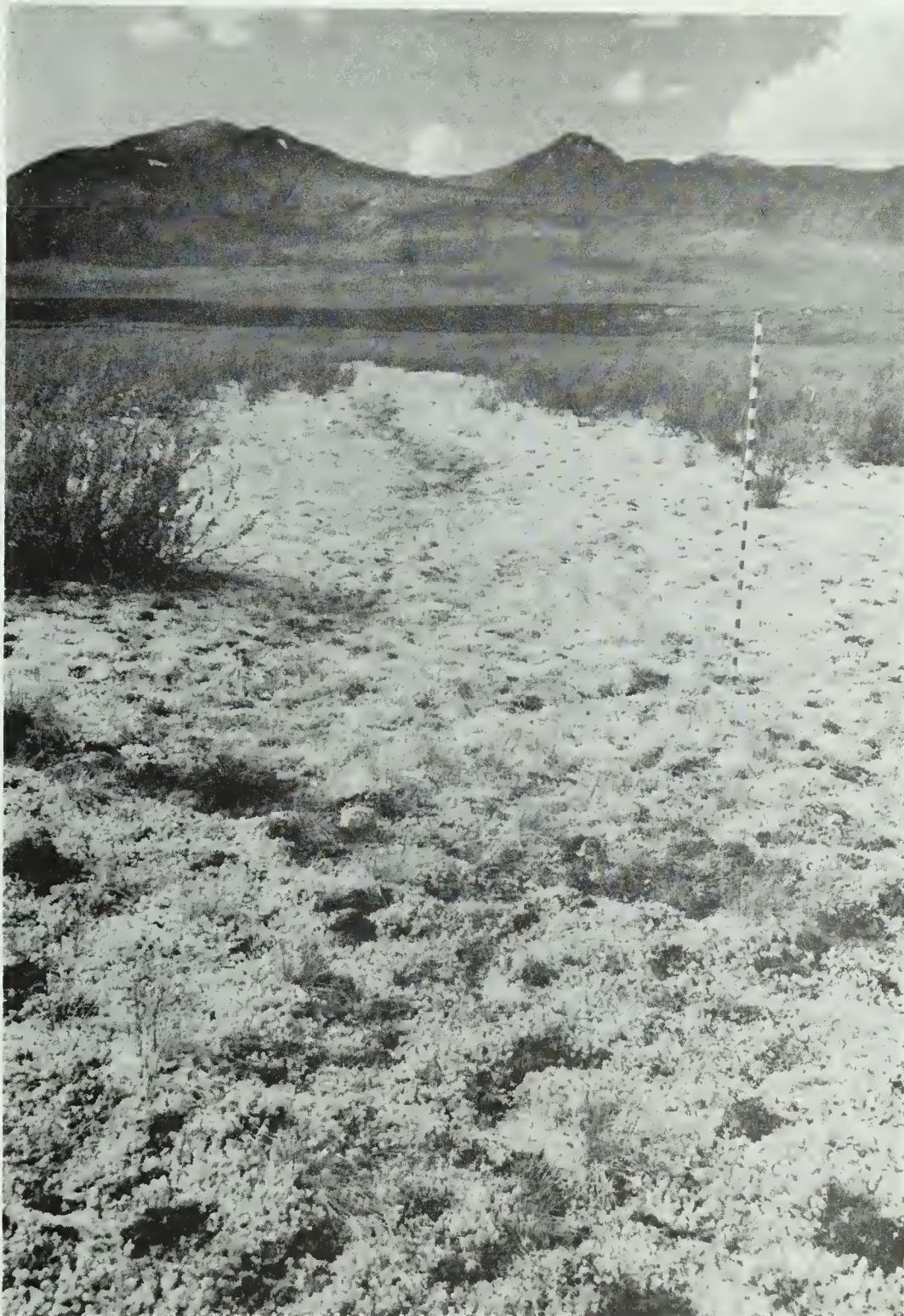
1.9 Decumbent Shrub Tundra: dominated by *Salix reticulata* (50 cm rule)



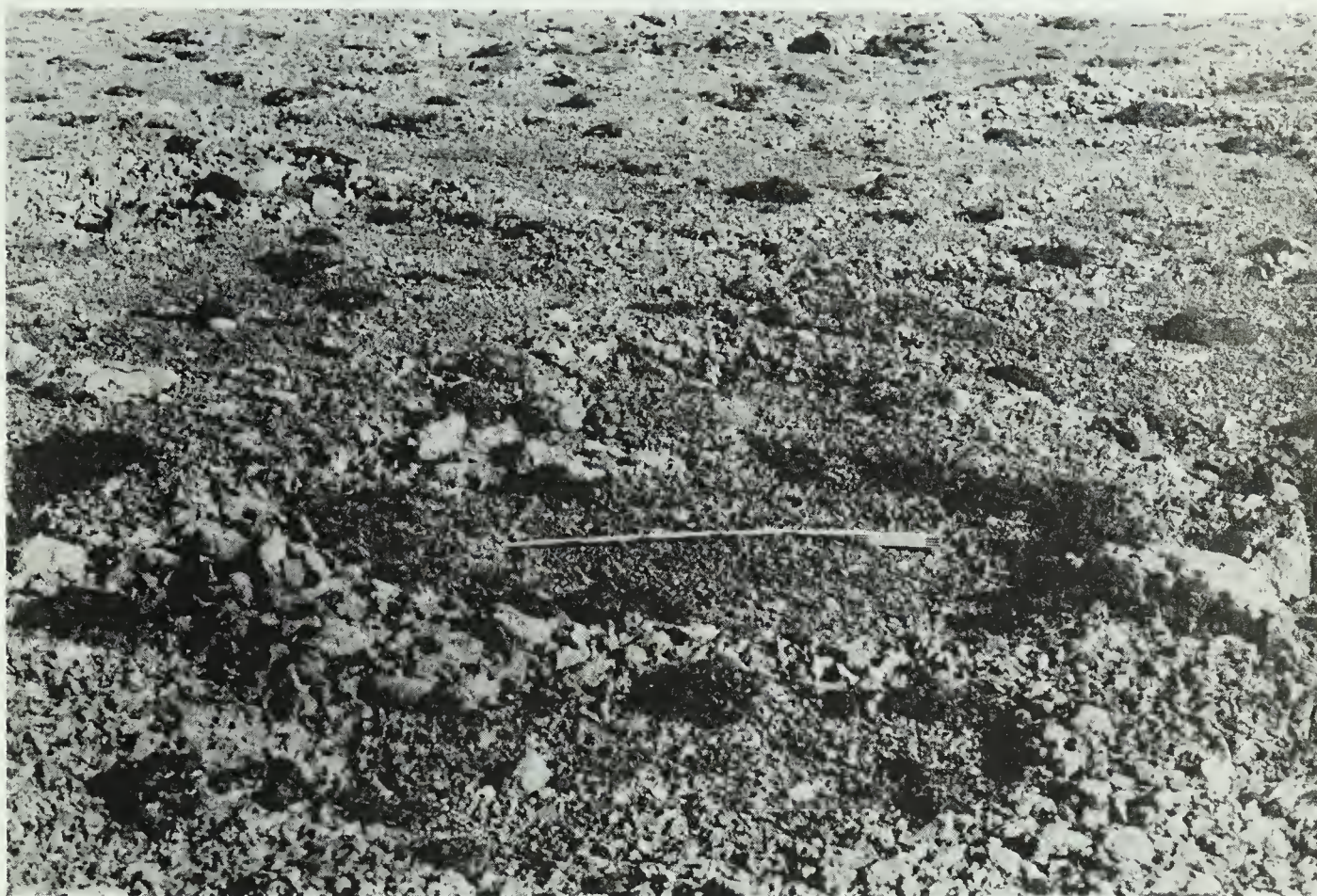
1.10 Sedge Meadow Tundra: dominated by *Eriophorum* and *Carex* species in flat, wet areas, often with tussocks. This community is extensive on the Mackenzie Mountain Barrens (5 cm interval on range pole)



1.11 Lichen Heath Tundra: dominated by *Cassiope tetragona*, *Cladonia mitis* and *Festuca altaica* (5 cm intervals on range pole)



1.12 Fruticose Lichen Tundra: dominated by *Cladonia mitis* and *Alectoria ochroleuca* with *Festuca altaica* clumps. This area, near the Tsichu River, is underlain by a glacial meltwater channel that is delineated by the *Betula glandulosa* shrub cover on both sides (5 cm intervals on range pole)



1.13 Cushion Plant Tundra: dominated by *Dryas integrifolia* and *Salix dodgeana* (100 cm rule). This type of tundra occurs commonly in areas of patterned ground and is depicted here within sorted polygons on the Plains of Abraham.



1.14 Crustose Lichen Tundra: dominates blockslopes on Blue Mountain



1.15 An eroded section of the Canol Road on the Plains of Abraham

decimeters to more than 2 m in depth. On slopes, the road either might be cut into the hillside to form a terrace or built up to produce the same effect. In all cases, it had an aggregate surface but particle size varied with the source material since no crushing or washing facilities were used at the time of construction. The roads were used by heavy machinery, and in most cases, these substrates are now difficult to excavate due to the compaction that resulted from vehicular use.

A number of physical alterations have occurred along the road since abandonment (Figure 1.2). Evidence of thermokarst was found in 56 cases along the road and the majority of these were in the western portion of the study area. A total of 25 bridge washouts was noted. Fifteen debris flows or slumps onto the road were found, primarily where it traversed slopes. In all, 5.3 km of road had been washed out, primarily on the eastern end of the study area. A total of 314 cases was noted where water had been ponded behind the road berm before flowing over and eroding to cause a breach of the the road (Figure 1.2).

False start roads (Plate 1.16) included graded winter roads, poor-weather alternate roads and partly constructed road reroutings. On the last two cases, dumped fill could be found that was never graded. On all such sites, fill was used to provide a road surface but depths of material varied and there was generally less gravel than would be found deposited on a road site. As a result, false start roads were seldom higher than the surrounding terrain and they were rarely ditched. They were infrequently, if ever, used and as a consequence were less compacted than the Canol Road.

Bladed trails were disturbances caused by bulldozers blading the ground to create a level surface (Plate 1.17). The pipeline right-of-way was bladed in many areas to remove shrubs, large stones or hummocks. This produced upturned, organic-rich, border mounds in some areas and left a mineral bed upon which the pipe was laid. In many cases, low spots would be left intact while hummock tops were planed off. The resulting feature was generally a shallow depression dominated by mineral exposures.

Figure 1.2 presents information regarding thermokarst phenomena and overland flow capture initiated by vehicles. This includes the effects of bladed trails and bulldozer tracks. These disturbances have resulted in 61 thermokarst ponds and 79 reroutings of permanent streams or seasonal drainage ways.



1.16 A section of the false start road along the Intga River



1.17 A section of a bladed trail on Blue Mountain, with the windrow composed of larger, upturned stones

Camp yards were temporary or permanent areas used as parking, storage or building sites (Plate 1.18). Generally they were bladed level and seldom infilled but were driven over by tracked and tired vehicles. Construction camps were temporary, with few facilities whereas permanent camps were utilized throughout the life of the Project. Within these areas, relatively undisturbed sites can be found immediately adjacent to highly altered, bladed surfaces.

Bulldozer tracks were identified by the presence of two tread furrows that resulted from compression of the organic horizons during the passage of one or more treaded vehicles (Plate 1.19). These features were apparent most commonly in areas with peaty surface layers. Bulldozer tracks were distinguished on the basis of width, parallel tracking and lack of blading. Their depressions often held ponded water or channelized surface runoff (Figure 1.2). Seventy-nine incidents of this were evident in the study areas (Figure 1.2). As with bladed trails, bulldozer tracks could often be traced for several kilometers using aerial photography. Tracks were frequently observed joining the road to one or more of the other rights-of-way.

Gravel pits were found excavated in glacial outwash, till and modern alluvium as well as in blockfields (Plate 1.20). The term as used here also includes borrow pits in bedrock. Although these were not true 'gravel' pits, they provided aggregate for fill and functioned as gravel pits during the life of the Project. One hundred and eighty-six pits were noted in the study area (Figure 1.2). Of these, 23 contained ponded water year round as a result of local drainage into the closed depression or excavation below the local water table. Pit characteristics varied greatly, ranging from shallow scrapings to steep-walled excavations, 3 m deep.

Gravel pit access roads (Plate 1.21), in some cases, appear to be no more than a buildup of material falling from filled trucks as they left the pit. As such they were not ditched and were only roughly graded. Some pit access roads extended more than a kilometer from the road. Surface material was generally loosely compacted and was often rutted by truck traffic.

Oil spills were readily identified by their odour and blackened appearance, and usually lacked plant cover (Plate 1.22). In some cases, these substrates had high organic content but in others, deflation and running water had left only a mineral surface. A thick,



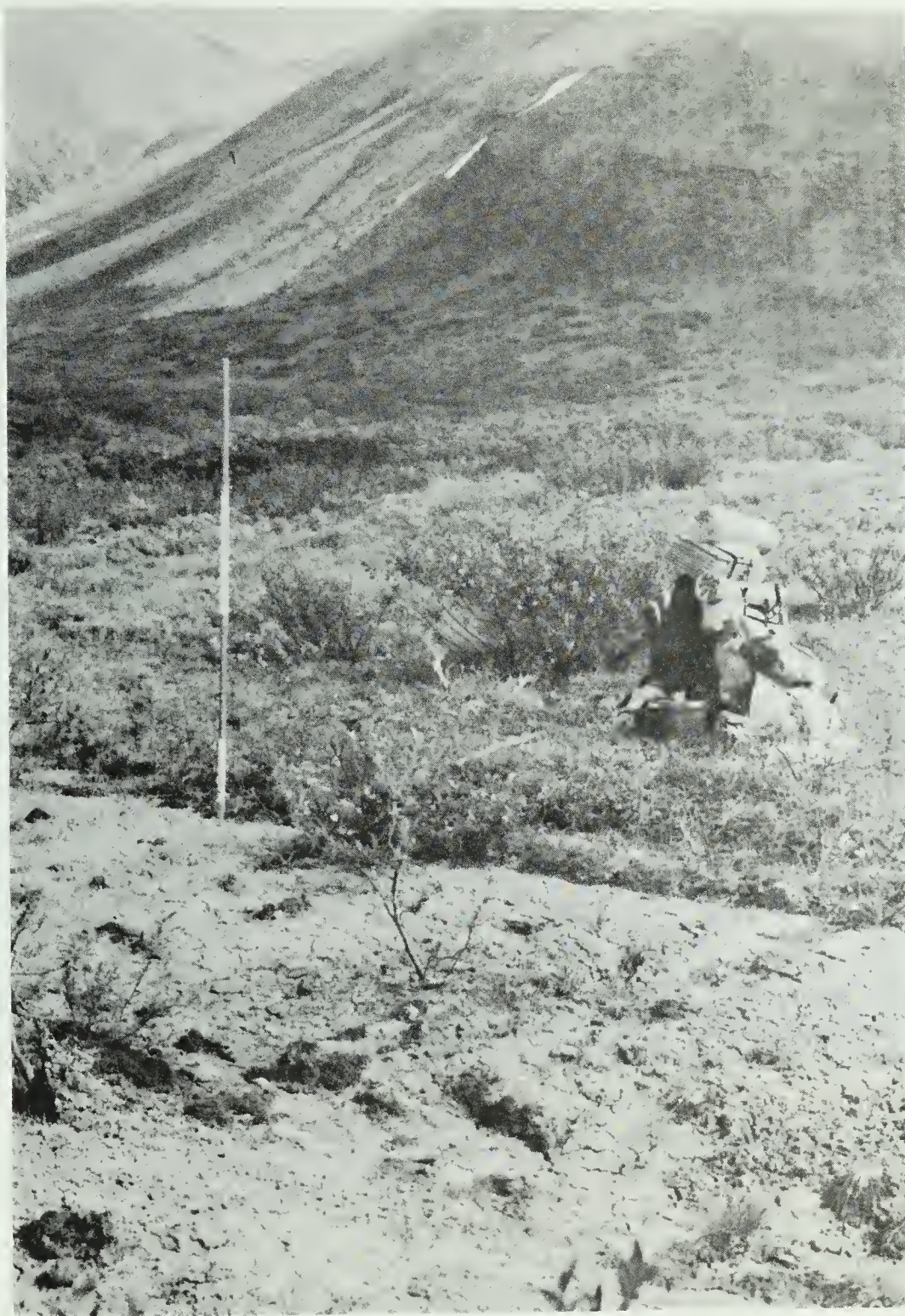
1.18 Camp yard at Pump Station No. 4 (R.M.P. 108). Bolstead Creek is visible in the background.



1.19 Bulldozer tracks across a slope on the Plains of Abraham. Note the greater plant cover in the ruts (50 cm intervals on the range pole)



1.20 Gravel pit with a late snowpatch and ponded water on the Mackenzie Mountain Barrens (50 cm intervals on the range pole)



1.21 Gravel pit access road above the Intga River near Caribou Pass
(50 cm intervals on the range pole)



1.22 Oil Spill in Erect Deciduous Shrub Tundra with a lichen-dominated understory, near Macmillan Pass

waxy or tarry coating was also present on some sites.

1.9 Methods Overview

At least two methodologies could have been pursued in the course of the field studies. The first approach would have involved detailed and intensive sampling along transects over selected disturbances. The objective would be to study the characteristics of certain environmental parameters across a disturbance and to determine the extent of the area now affected by the initial disturbance. This method was rejected for the following reasons: 1) It would be difficult, if not impossible, to determine whether subtle differences between the adjacent zone and the area initially affected were the result of insufficient sampling, natural variability or long-term impacts. 2) Only a few sites could be sampled because of the detailed and time consuming programme required and consequently it would have been possible to study only one or two types of disturbances, plant communities or geographical areas. 3) These relatively minor 'adjacent' effects are less likely to be of concern to residents, legislators or developers and also probably have less ecological significance than do the highly visible impacts that are present on directly disturbed areas. 4) A cursory examination of the study area demonstrates that the greatest alterations are highly localized, often having sharp and abrupt borders (Plates 1.15 to 1.22) This suggests that the most significant impacts were localized and that, although academically interesting and possibly of some ecological importance, the discernible peripheral effects were minimal.

The sampling methodology used was selected as most appropriate for a rapid, extensive survey of the ecological characteristics of CANOL disturbances. Samples were taken in representative areas of disturbances and control or reference areas. The control area was selected as representative of the undisturbed terrain and its characteristics were then compared to those of the nearby disturbances.

A diverse geographical area was subsequently surveyed and detailed sampling was carried out on carefully chosen sites. Sites representative of particular plant communities were selected in an attempt to produce results that could be applied with some constraints to comparable situations in a diversity of northern environments. This methodology is both an asset and a liability. Although the broad sampling programme

facilitated the study of a variety of plant communities, it also reduced the amount of sampling replication that could be carried out during the time available. Consequently, it was inappropriate to employ many statistical treatments of the data which include small numbers of samples for each type of disturbance (e.g. oil spill) within each type of terrain (e.g. Erect Deciduous Shrub Tundra). However, it is felt that the present-day conditions of the sampled sites accurately reflect the type and extent of impacts in the large areas for which they were selected as representative.

A number of methods were employed in this study. These included:

1. field work on the CANOL Project rights-of-way
2. archival research and interpretation of historical photographs
3. a review of published reports
4. interviews with people familiar with the project
5. interpretation of several series of aerial photographs

Detailed descriptions of methods are presented in the appropriate chapters.

Fieldwork totalled 679 man-days in 1977, 1978 and 1979. Of these, 484 involved summer work and 195 were during the winter. Detailed sampling of vegetation was carried out in 1977-1978 and soil and wildlife studies were completed in 1979. The entire study area was covered on foot several times. Consequently, research equipment had to be compact and light. Air support was available only to place food caches and pick up specimens at a few accessible points.

2. HISTORY OF THE STUDY AREA

2.1 Introduction

The detail presented in the following sections provides a comprehensive background on the history of the CANOL Project and an understanding of the initial disturbances. This gives information about the route selection and nature of that decision, the environmental limitations associated with construction in the North and some of the initial consequences of having insufficient environmental baseline information for the job site. The time of year, the type and size of equipment and the frequency and severity of the various impacts must be appreciated if we are to interpret the present-day results and relate these findings to other developments.

The CANOL Project was one of the largest development projects that the Canadian North has experienced. In terms of dollars spent, numbers of people involved, geographical area affected and facilities erected, it may well have been the largest, at least until recently. Cost estimates have been variously placed at \$300,000,000 (Legget 1973), \$200,000,000 (Neuberger 1948), \$138,000,000 (Karamanski 1979), \$137,000,000 (Liss 1959), \$134,000,000 (Harris 1945) and \$130,000,000 (Finnie 1959). Thirty thousand people were employed on the Project (Finnie 1959) which affected an area of over 2.6 million sq km (Meyers 1945)(Figure 1.1).

The CANOL Project was designed to increase the availability of fuel and to provide a secure inland source for military needs in northwestern North America. It was a wartime emergency project and Norman Wells, being the most northerly producing field, met the needs of the military for the defence of Alaska and support of the Northwest Staging Route.

Prior to the initiation of this massive project, few nonaboriginal people had passed through, and even fewer had lived in, the Mackenzie Mountains. Following the CANOL Project, interest in the area increased and there were more frequent visits by nonaboriginal people. Eventually, with the opening of big game hunting in 1965, several outfitters and their staff took up seasonal residence in the area. In 1968, reconstruction commenced on the Yukon section of the Canol Road north of Ross River in an effort to encourage mineral exploration. The following year, summer travel to Macmillan Pass was

possible (Ross River Ferry records). In 1974 AMAX Northwest Mining Co., in co-operation with the Atmosphere Environment Service, established the Tsichu River Meteorological Station. Staff at this station were the only year-round residents in the study area. The station was closed in August 1982.

2.2 Sources of Information

Primary information sources include published material such as Keele (1910), Finnie (1945b), Flood (1946) and Harbottle and Credeur (1966) and unpublished material on file either in archives in Canada or the United States or in private libraries. Unpublished material includes letters, memoranda, diplomatic notes, maps, aerial photographs, consultants' reports and statistics regarding the project. Interviews with people involved in the events of the CANOL Project provided information on particular subjects and were often supplemented by films and photographs. Secondary information sources, though interesting, have not been relied upon to the same extent as primary sources. Appendix I provides greater detail regarding the information sources that were consulted while compiling the following information.

2.3 CANOL 1942-1945

Prior to this period, the only map of any portion of the Mackenzie Mountains was that produced by Keele (1910). No aerial photographic coverage was available for what later became the CANOL route. No aircraft had ever flown directly from Whitehorse to Norman Wells and few native people living at the time had utilized the Macmillan Pass and Continental Divide region. The area of the final route, between the upper Ross River and the Mackenzie River, was virtually unknown and essentially unexplored by anyone, with the exception of a few native people.

2.3.1 Introduction

In the July 1941 issue of *Foreign Affairs*, Vilhjalmur Stefansson suggested that a winter road and/or pipeline be built between Norman Wells and the head of navigation on the Stewart River in the Yukon. He maintained that oil trucked or pumped over this route

could be distributed during the navigation season throughout the Yukon River basin in the event of a military necessity (Stefansson 1941). That possibility became a reality on 7 December 1941 when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbour. By June 1942, Attu, Kiska, Shemya, and Amchitka (all Aleutian Islands) were occupied (Anon 1980). Hong Kong and Singapore had been taken, Japanese submarines had shelled a refinery in California and shipping losses were heavy with tankers becoming scarce. "The prospect of intensified submarine warfare and the possibility that it would be concentrated in an attack against coastal tanker shipments became a vital and primary concern"(Public Archives Canada RG36/37 Vol.2 File 3/9).

On 11 February 1942 the Alcan (Alaska) Highway was approved by the US. Army, and by 14 February 1942 directives had been issued for its construction (Truman Committee 1944a). By 7 March 1942, American troops at Dawson Creek had commenced construction of the winter tote road (Truman Committee 1944a). The pioneer road was officially opened on 20 November 1942 and the Alaska Military Highway was completed by private contractors as an all-weather road by the end of 1943.

2.3.2 The CANOL Decision

In February 1941, prior to the demonstrated military necessity of a land route to Alaska and during the planning stages of what eventually was to be the Alaska Highway, Stefansson recommended the Mackenzie Valley-Norman Wells-Fairbanks route (Truman Committee 1944a). On 15 April 1942, he submitted a report entitled *Local Oil Supply, Yukon, Alaska and Bering Sea* to the U.S. Army in which he again advocated use of Norman Wells oil. In this report he included Imperial Oil Limited production estimates of 5,000 barrels *per diem* within 2 years after the drilling of new wells (Stefansson 1942). He also outlined transportation routes over the Mackenzie water route, proposed a winter road and above-ground pipeline over the 'Norman-Mayo portage' and recommended the erection of a refinery on the Yukon River (Stefansson 1942). Stefansson gave a timetable for the movement of supplies and materials and for construction (Stefansson 1942). He noted that a refinery on the Yukon River could distribute refined products via barge in the summer and by truck during the winter

months. The crude oil could be pumped during the winter but the refined products needed warmer temperatures to flow (Stefansson 1942).

With this information, on 20 April 1942 the U.S. "...military authorities made the decision to take advantage of known oil resources in northern Canada for supplying the Alaska Highway and related installations"(Truman Committee 1944a). Five days later, Brigadier General Walter B. Pyron, a U.S.Army petroleum expert, received the information which he requested from Stefansson concerning Canadian sources of oil (Finnie 1959). On 29 April 1942 a two-hour meeting was held at the U.S.Army's request with representatives of I.O.L. and Standard Oil of New Jersey (Truman Committee 1944a). As a result of this meeting, J.H. Graham, Dean of Engineering, University of Kentucky, compiled a one page memorandum which included the following excerpts:

"To arrange with the company for the drilling of nine additional wells ... production by September ... To build or to otherwise acquire such shallow-draft river-freight craft by June 15, 1942 as may be considered adequate to the circumstances, and to operate these between the railhead, at McMarrys [sic] Waterways, ... to Norman ... To survey by air or ground for a crude oil pipe line to be built on the most direct and feasible route between Norman and the railhead at Whitehorse, the Yukon, Canada; and to arrange for the construction of a 4 inch pipe line on this route (relay pipe is available) with trail connections along the route between pumping stations ... having this pipe line under operation by September 15, 1942. ... oil refining ... minimum extent of 3,000 barrels per day of crude oil refining ... at Whitehorse, The Yukon, Alaska [sic], ... for operation by October 1, 1942."(Truman Committee 1944a).

The memorandum was signed that day by Lieutenant General Brehon B. Somervell, Commanding General, Services and Supply, U.S.Army with a notation "... to take the necessary steps to carry out these recommendations at the earliest practicable date"(Truman Committee 1944a). By the next day, Imperial Oil Limited and Standard Oil of New Jersey had ratified an agreement with the U.S.Army and CANOL was launched (Truman Committee 1944a).

A contract between Bechtel-Price-Callahan (B-P-C) and the U.S. Army for the design and construction of the crude oil pipeline and refinery was drafted on 4 May



1942 and signed on 20 May 1942 (Finnie 1945b). A total of \$25,000,000 was requested from the Bureau of Budget, in which the "written justification stated only that complete engineering estimates were not available; that the construction was subject to survey and reconnaissance of the areas involved; that this was a strategic and operational project which had been ordered built as a military necessity; and that it was to be constructed by and under the supervision of engineering troops in accordance with a directive from the commanding general, Service and Supply" (Truman Committee 1944a).

On 15 May 1942, the Canadian House of Commons was informed of the CANOL Project (Unrevised Hansard 15 May 1942) and on May 16, the War Committee of the Cabinet approved the project and granted permission to proceed (Department of National Defense Archives DND348.013 D2). On 26 May 1942, Task Force 2600, consisting of 2,500 men, was activated. This was "a special organization of units proficient in stevedoring and operating barges and pontoons, and placed under Colonel Wyman's command. It included the 388th Engineering Battalion (separate) and the 89th and 90th Engineer Heavy Ponton Battalions, plus signal, quartermaster, finance, and medical units ... The Task Force job was to 'improve transportation' from Waterways to Norman Wells"(Woodman 1977). By 2 June 1942, Task Force 2600 began to arrive at Waterways and soon materials were being readied to move north along the water route.

The War Department had hired Standard Oil of California as an 'expert consultant' and on 4 June 1942, Standard Oil made a report stating that CANOL could not be completed on schedule (Table 2.1). They recommended the shipping of finished fuel products from the south to the Northwest since it would be "... many months before the CANOL Project could be completed"(Truman Committee 1944b).

This was the extent of the pre-planning. In addition to economic, engineering and logistical issues, no environmental concern was expressed and no ecological impacts were considered. The military necessity dictated construction and the decision was taken to proceed after only a preliminary discussion with the oil company and the Canadian Government (in that order).

2.3.3 Ancillary Projects

By 1945, there were six CANOL Projects (Table 2.1) which included docking facilities, barges, tugs, 25.8 km of portage, 2,736 km of water routes, 322 km of summer and 483 km of winter roads around the oil fields, 8 landing strips, 2,415 km of winter roads, 763 km of new all weather road, 2,512 km of pipelines, 763 km of telephone lines and a crude oil refinery (Figure 1.1). The initial directive (cf. Graham memorandum above) did not foresee the extent of the necessary ancillary projects, nor did it allow for the preparation necessary prior to construction.

2.3.3.1 Ground Route Reconnaissance

Guy Blanchet, an experienced land surveyor, was hired by B-P-C and given the task of plotting the route for the pipeline (Finnie 1947b). On 6 June 1942, interviews with Fort Norman Indians indicated that an Indian trail through the Mackenzie Mountains might be preferable to a Gravel River route. "Their route was a direct one not following any large river and was on hard ground throughout" (Blanchet 1943).

On 25 October 1942, Guy Blanchet with a crew of 6, including Fred Andrew, Little Edward Blondin, Paul (no last name), and George Blondin (all natives from Fort Norman) plus Corporal Ted Bolstad of the RCMP and Joe Saul, set out with 25 dogs along the Indian trail to Sheldon Lake, intending to reach that destination by 1 December 1942. Paul, Joe and Ted returned to Norman Wells after two weeks journey (Blanchet 1942). Contending with a thin, discontinuous snow cover, open rivers, blizzards, -50°C temperatures and scarcity of game, they reached Sheldon Lake ahead of schedule (Blanchet 1942) (Figure 1.1). The route blazed by this team along the 'Indian road' was primarily that followed by the CANOL Project (Figure 1.1).

On 22 December 1942, a reconnaissance survey by tractor train ⁶ began along the Indian road from Norman Wells (Blanchet 1943). This survey penetrated 170 km (Meyers 1945) or 128 km (Blanchet 1943) ⁷ before abandoning equipment on 7 February 1943 and returning (Meyers 1945) (Figure 1.1). Another survey departed on 23 March 1943 and advanced as far as Fish Lake, 28 km east of Macmillan Pass. This train covered

⁶Tracked vehicles travelling in convoy with sledded freight carriers and living quarters in tow.

⁷Finnie believes that Blanchet's figure is the correct one (Personal communication 30 July 1980).

400 km (Figure 1.1) before abandoning equipment on 30 April 1943 to be retrieved the following year (Money 1943). The many difficulties encountered on these surveys are summarized as follows:

"Diesel fuel froze to the consistency of vaseline, and would not pour. Light motor oil became as hard as cup grease. The best grade of anti-freeze solid in the tins. ... Sleigh runners scraped on the jagged surface and wore out in no time.

Sometimes tractors stopped as often as every fifteen minutes. Intense cold caused condensation. Condensation caused ice. The ice lodged in the fuel system and cut off the fuel supply ...

The cold rendered the sleigh runners as brittle as cast. Time after time they broke. ...

Motors had to be kept running twenty-four hours a day. To stop a motor once and let it get cold meant stopping it for good" (Meyers 1945).

These ground reconnaissance surveys established the general route of the CANOL Project. However, a number of alternatives (Finnie 1947a) were considered before the route was finalized only months before the joining of the rights-of-way on the Mackenzie Mountain Barrens.

It is apparent that equipment and methods employed for similar projects in the south were inadequate, given the rigours of the northern environment. However, lessons to be learned from these reconnaissance surveys were ignored and the Project proceeded.

2.3.3.2 Aerial Photographic Route Reconnaissance

There is confusion over flight line location and dates of the earliest photographic missions. Not all of the photography reported to have been flown can be found today. Sources mention United States Air Force (U.S.A.A.F.) photography taken beginning in April 1942 over an area 320 km wide centering on the Mackenzie River and extending from 80 km north of Edmonton to the Mackenzie Delta (Public Archives of Canada RG 36/37 Vol.4). Another operation in 1942 was carried out by Aero Service Corporation of Philadelphia which photographed the route between Norman Wells and Little Salmon (Public Archives of Canada RG36/37 Vol.4). Woodman (1977) indicated that intensive

aerial reconnaissance began in July 1942. This did not include sequential aerial photography and was probably that which Blanchet reported upon (Blanchet 1943). Lloyd (1944) records that Canadian Pacific Airways photographed the country between Norman Wells and Whitehorse in August of 1942 so that reconnaissance parties could be sent out to select the best route aided by aerial photographs. It is doubtful that this was sequential photography suitable for mapping purposes and no mention of aerial photography was made by Blanchet (1942, 1943, 1944) or Money (1943) prior to or during their October 1942 – May 1943 route reconnaissance surveys (Kershaw 1981). Hemstock reported that he found aerial photographic mosaics at Camp Canol that covered portions of the Eastern CANOL and that some from other sections had been destroyed (Hemstock 1945).

During 6–25 May 1943 Operation Polaris produced trimetrogon coverage from which mosaics were constructed for route selection (Gee 1945) and these were probably what Hemstock saw (Kershaw 1981). The Operation Polaris photography shows much of the final CANOL No.1 East route prior to construction. However, Bolstead Creek, the Intga River, the Mackenzie Mountain Barrens and Macmillan Pass were not covered (Figure 1.1). Hachured relief maps showing flight lines and image centres were compiled at a scale of 1:63,360 from this photography (A.E.Porsild Map Collection, National Museums of Canada) (personal communication Duncan Campbell, June 1979).

It is apparent that pre-construction preparation was incomplete and that final route selections were, therefore, made on site during construction. It was not until after the Project was operating, that maps and aerial photographic coverage of much of the area were completed. With no familiarity with the environment, no maps and no aerial photography, the construction phase began. No geomorphological, geotechnical or ecological considerations were incorporated into the route selection.

2.3.4 CANOL No.1 East: Construction

2.3.4.1 Road Construction Chronology

On 10 September 1942, road construction on CANOL No.1 East commenced at Camp Canol (Yukon Archives NNG75.93 No.13). By 1 October 1942, work had ceased (Yukon Archives NNG75.93 No.13) but the road was noted as complete to Heart Lake at

R.M.P. 7 on 25 October 1942 when Blanchet's party set out to explore the Indian trail (Blanchet 1942). A further 20.8 km had been cleared and possibly graded when construction stopped (Yukon Archives RG338 No.1). In December 1942, the decision was made to cease construction until "it should be established that much more oil than has been located as yet is available" (Public Archives Canada RG2,7c Vol.7-17 Roll C-4875; RG24 Vol.2639). At that time the final route had not yet been selected and alternatives were not well known. The changing military situation was a further reason for not proceeding as quickly as possible. The Japanese threat to Alaska was no longer considered as pressing as it had been (Truman Committee 1944a).

Renewed road construction began from the eastern end on 12 April 1943 (Yukon Archives NNG75.93 No.13). At this time, 'Progress Reports' and 'Charts' were compiled on a weekly basis by the Project's architect-engineers and by the contractors. Not all of these have survived in archival collections but many were abstracted in other available sources. Forty-eight per cent of the 826 km of road construction on CANOL No.1 East was completed during the winter of 1943-1944.

"In addition to the construction of road and surfaceing thereof (for 180 miles), 65 pile driven bridges had to be built. This meant cutting of piling timbers and decking in job site saw mills and handling of same over roads which were almost impassable. Eight hundred and twenty culverts, with sizes ranging from 18 to 60 inches [45 to 152 cm] were required. From six hundred and fifty thousand to eight hundred thousand cubic yards [500,000 to 600,000 m³] of borrow were estimated as necessary for surfacing and filling. Four hundred thousand cubic yards [300,000 m³] of gravel surfacing were required. It is estimated that in addition to the above mentioned new construction, 250 miles [403 km] of new surfacing were required. This is in addition to spot surfacing, which was necessary in places showing weakness during and following the breakup" (Yukon Archives NNG75.93 No.16).

Although the construction crews from the east and west met on 31 December 1943, road construction activities continued until the termination of the Project in March, 1945. Officially however, any work carried out after 15 October 1944 was considered maintenance (Public Archives Canada RG24 Vol.2639).

2.3.4.2 Road Construction Methods

The main concerns during construction were engineering problems and efforts to minimize the time required to complete the Project. No references have been noted pertaining to concerns regarding possible environmental impacts.

The initial route was established by Blanchet's dog team traverse and subsequent winter tractor surveys. During construction, the exact road location was flagged by representatives of the architect-engineer and the constructor (Finnie 1947a). J.R. Wells, who had participated in the March-April 1943 tractor reconnaissance guided by Fred Andrew, located the route for the architect-engineer while Andy Hay, a former trapper and prospector, represented the constructor (Finnie 1947a).

In the survey along the easternmost section, tracked vehicles and pack dogs were used whereas in the west, on the Macmillan Plateau (Mackenzie Mountain Barrens), pack horses were employed (Finnie 1947). The use of tracked vehicles caused greater environmental disruption than did the other survey methods and signs of aborted surveys can still be found. Dead end trails and tracks are evidence that a decision was made to select another route.

"Thus it was that the road was located, with little groups of men poking this way and that ahead of construction, comparing notes, agreeing on one section, disagreeing on another, and making their own sketch maps as they went along – for it was not until the route was far advanced that they were supplied with any aerial photographic strips, and these were incomplete" (Finnie 1947a).

Three crews were employed in road building (Grafe 1943):

1. A pioneer crew cutting a passage just wide enough for equipment, camp sleds and supply trucks
2. A crew widening and ditching
3. A crew surfacing and working to place the road in condition to permit travel at all times.

At least the first crew, and in some cases all three, would have worked constructing false start roads.

Initially construction practices were the same as those employed in more southerly areas, with supervision by engineers trained in the south and with only southern experience. However, ice-rich permafrost was present in many areas along the route and on the Mackenzie Plains the road crossed 37 km of such terrain. Removal of the insulating surface-organic layers caused rapid thawing and loss of the ground's bearing capacity.

'I told them to use dump trucks and shove the fill right across the ground without breaking the surface cover,' Andy [Hay] mused. 'Instead, they dozed off the insulation right to the frost and then the fun started. A few hours later there would be a foot or so of mud and the foreman would run a dozer through, and that was kept up until the mud was so high that there wasn't room to displace any more'(Finnie 1947a).

Following this initial experience, practices familiar to people working in permafrost areas were employed. The construction crew "... piled up all the brush and trees cut from the right-of-way to the center of the road, then cut big side ditches on either side, 3 ft. [91 cm] or so deep down to permanently frozen ground, throwing the spill over the trees in the center to form a foundation for the road fill. Stable material was then hauled in for completing the grade"(Richardson 1944b). Inexperience and ignorance increased the time, cost and terrain disruption associated with road building.

"On the location of the road it is impossible from surface indications to determine the class of digging that will be found, in addition to the fact that the entire area is over permafrost, conditions as to seepage, slides, and ice cap [permafrost], can only be handled as they are met. In numerous cases back up and relocations for considerable distances have been necessary to by pass unstable ground not apparent at the time of location or which developed after the ground was exposed to air" (Grafe 1943).

These relocations and alternate routes added 48 km to the final 444.5 km length of CANOL No.1 East. In the Blue Mountain area, the original road traversed the mountain for 13 km. However, in the winter of 1943-1944, steep grades necessitated relocation of this section and 20 km of winter road was constructed along the Little Keele River. River icings in the winter and ground ice thaw in the summer later prevented use of this

route so traffic was again rerouted to the original road and a further 6.5 km of roadbed constructed across the valley east of Blue Mountain. Six km of road were constructed on the south-facing side of Devil's Pass across from the original route sometime after August 1944 but it is not known if this section was used for any period of time. Four km stretches were commenced on the Plains of Abraham and in the Intga River valley to replace original sections of road but these two false start roads were never completed.

Surfacing materials were brought from the borrow source and pits were used until travel distances became too great. In addition, modern alluvium was mined from river and stream bottoms along the route.

"From this point (R.M.P. 183) northward this method of construction was largely used as the road usually followed the valley of a mountain stream, the bottom of the valley varying from five to twenty chains in width and being covered with boulders varying from six inches to three feet in diameter. Even where the road followed along a slope on the side of a valley, the material to be moved was usually alluvial soil with boulders or rubble which could be handled by bulldozers without the use of explosives"(Montgomery 1944).

In the higher tundra areas, some modern alluvium was used. However, the majority of the material was colluvium or glacial deposits.

The types and weights of equipment used in these operations included the following:

1. Lin Half-tracks, a favorite in preliminary construction"(Hemstock 1945)
2. D-8 Tractors (18,510 to 19,330 kg), outfitted for various jobs
3. D-7 Tractors (13,970 to 17,090 kg)
4. D-6 Tractors (8,445 kg)
5. H.D.10 Tractors (9,800 kg)
6. D-4 Tractors (5,490 to 6,710 kg)
7. Scrapers (8,935 to 13,835 kg)
8. Tractor Cranes (3,070 kg)
9. Combination Shovel Clam Drags (17,240 to 55,520 kg)
10. Shovels (17,240 to 39,690 kg)
11. A myriad of other equipment ranging from 590 kg welding units to 10,890 kg

trailers capable of hauling 45,360 kg loads (Yukon Archives NNG75.93 No.13)

The D-8's usually pulled two 'caboose' or 'wanigans' which were portable buildings used for all camp activities. They served as mess halls, work sheds, storage and parts rooms or bunk houses, each holding eight men. These cabooses were mounted on steel-shod sleds and dragged by bulldozer to line camp sites. Such sites were generally convenient locations, close to the work area, which had been leveled off to create temporary camp yards.

The completed Canol Road East was 372 km in length. Road maintenance crews were stationed at camps at R.M.P. 0, 36.5, 50, 74.5, 80.5, 100, 108, 132, 170, 201, 208, and 222. Maintenance facilities included work areas and lodging for crews. Emergency shelters were located along the road at intervals from 5 to 16 km so that drivers would not be marooned without shelter in the event of a mechanical breakdown.

Heavy machinery was responsible for the initial compaction of road materials. However, truck convoys and maintenance machinery passing over the completed road were the major contributors. False start and winter roads were little if ever used and as a consequence were less compacted and displayed greater surface irregularity.

2.3.4.3 Pipeline Construction Chronology

Feeder lines within the Norman Wells oil field were the first pipelines of the CANOL Project. The pipeline crossing of the Mackenzie River was completed 31 October 1942 (Finnie 1943b) and due to breaks, it was shut down 20 November 1942 (Public Archives Canada RG24 Vol.2638). On 14 June 1943, construction of the 10.2 cm (i.e. 4 in) diameter CANOL No.1 East main pipeline commenced (Yukon Archives NNG75.93 No.13). At 2:30 h on 19 December 1943, with 177 km of the pipeline welded, the first oil was pumped into the pipe. At 13:55 h that afternoon, the first oil spill occurred at R.M.P. 18 as a result of pipe that had been damaged by a telephone crew tractor (Yukon Archives NNG75.93 No.11). No complete record of construction phase oil spills has been found but it is certain that many more occurred than were recorded.

Locations and dates of construction indicate that 70 % of the construction on CANOL No.1 East was completed during the winter. On 16 February 1944, the eastern and western ends of the pipeline were joined at R.M.P. 281.5W/R.M.P. 231.8E (Finnie 1947a; Yukon Archives NNG75.93 No.11). Oil passed this point some time between 12

and 20 March 1944 and reached Whitehorse on 16 April 1944 (Finnie 1945b; Public Archives Canada RG36/37 Vol.48). Most construction phase oil spills in the study therefore would have occurred prior to this date. Eleven months later, on 8 March 1945, the U.S. Army issued an order to stop putting oil in the line since the project was to be terminated (Department of National Defense Archives DND348.013 D1; Finnie 1947a:402; Public Archives Canada RG24 Vol.2639 and RG36/37 Vol.6). On 1 April 1945, the refinery ceased operation, having exhausted its stockpiled crude oil supplies (Yukon Archives NNG75.93 No.16).

2.3.4.4 Pipeline Construction Methods

Pipe was received at Camp Canol in 6.7 m (i.e. 22 ft) lengths and double ended in the pipe yard to reduce the amount of welding necessary on the line (Hemstock 1945). Forty such sections could be loaded onto a pipe dollie and trucked to the construction site (Finnie 1947a). The sections were rolled off of the dollie and 'strung' in the approximate area where they would be welded. The pipeline usually followed a more direct route than did the road and the two rights-of-way often deviated from one another by as much as one km. Bulldozing flattened trees and shrubs, smoothing irregular ground along the pipeline right-of-way and red-tipped stakes marked the exact location for the pipeline (Finnie 1947a).

Two types of pipe were used in the line, both of which were considered 'relay pipe' (Truman Committee 1944a). 'Lapweld pipe' was foundry rolled and heated to fuse the metal along its length, whereas 'seamless pipe' was formed as a complete pipe from molten steel in a mould (Finnie, personal communication 1980).

Each 13.4 m pipe section weighed 209 kg (Gray 1970) and was put into position with a D-4 tractor equipped with a side boom (Hemstock 1945). The pipe was placed on wooden blocks to allow access to its underside and the ends were clamped into position for 'butt welding'.

After welding, the pipe was placed on the ground, sections were blocked off by valves and air was pumped in at 700 kPa pressure to test the welds (Finnie 1947a).

Estimates of the labour involved in the various tasks were:

1. 60% for stringing pipe and double-jointing,
2. 30% for welding

3. 10% for testing and completing (Grafe 1943).

As a result of these practices 5 crews, each with at least one bulldozer or tractor and with equipment sleds in tow, passed along the pipeline corridor. All operations were completed over a few days, and unless a rupture of the line occurred, there was no redisturbance of the terrain during the life of the Project.

The pipe was laid on the ground and followed the local topography. This was possible because the oil had a temperature pour point of less than -56.7°C and had a viscosity of 275 seconds (Truman Committee 1944a). It was assumed that an above ground pipe did not need expansion joints and was not threatened by frost heave-induced breaks as buried pipelines might be (Finnie 1945b).

At small streams, the pipe was given anchor collars and laid on the stream bed. At large streams or more rapidly flowing water, the line passed over the water on special pipe supports, on road bridges or on pipeline suspension bridges. At the Mackenzie River, the pipe was anchored to the bed of the river in an effort to reduce breakage due to wear against river bed obstructions.

Oil was first pumped into the pipe 4 months before the line reached Whitehorse, at which time construction was 370 km east of the Yukon border. Many losses through line breaks and oil spills were never included in volume estimates since they occurred prior to the operation phase. "Oil losses before operation are explained as being practically unavoidable because water could not be used for testing "(Heney 1944). Incomplete records of spills reported during the filling of the pipe and before the line had been completed, indicate that 44 line breaks occurred during that period (U.S.Army 1950). However, no information is available regarding the quantities of oil involved.

The following machinery was employed for this part of the Project construction:

1. D-4 Tractors with Trackson side booms weighing 6,665 kg
2. D-8 Tractors with bulldozers or bushcutters weighing 17,820 and 20,160 kg respectively
3. H.D.7 Tractors weighing 6,125 kg with welding units weighing from 590 to 1,340 kg (Yukon Archives NNG 75.93 No.13)

The CANOL No.1 East pipeline was 357 km in length and had 6 pump stations:

1. Pump Station No.1 at Camp Canol (R.M.P. 0)

2. Pump Station No.2 at R.M.P. 36.5
3. Pump Station No.3 at R.M.P. 74.5
4. Pump Station No.4 at R.M.P. 100
5. Pump Station No.5 at R.M.P. 170
6. Pump Station No.6 at R.M.P. 208

Each station had a pumphouse, storage tank, light plant, mess hall and dormitory and several had additional facilities. A crew of five, including one head operator, three operators and one roustabout, was necessary to operate each station.

2.3.4.5 Telephone Line Construction Chronology

Telephone line construction began at Camp Canol in July 1943 (Public archives Canada RG36/37 Vol.2 File 3/9). The line was in place eight months later on 10 March 1944 and was operating 17 days after that. Twenty-four per cent of the CANOL No.1 East telephone line was complete by November 1943 and the remainder was finished during that winter.

2.3.4.6 Telephone Line Construction Methods

Telephone line construction had three phases:

1. Route determination
2. Pole setting
3. Wiring.

The route generally followed that of the pipeline but in several sections the two rights-of-way deviated by up to 0.5 km.

As with the pipeline, the right-of-way was cleared using a D-8 tractor to remove brush and trees, levelling the ground and permitting the passage of any following vehicles.

Poles were cut at Fort Simpson and Bear Island (Finnie 1947a) and some were also taken from the area downstream of the Twitya River crossing. In ground-ice areas, dynamite was used to loosen the ground. The construction was labour intensive and tractors were used only occasionally. Flood's journal (1946) describes pole erection by hand and movement of poles from the road to erection sites by horses. The excavation of holes was mainly by hand with dynamiting in ice-rich areas or in bedrock.

"We are having to blast nearly every hole. Most of them are frozen in quicksand, and the blast, to penetrate anywhere deeply enough, has to rip out a regular cavern at the top. The hole my partner and I were on this afternoon was six feet in diameter and three feet deep. We still have to go two-and-a-half feet, and probably will have some hard and slow chipping with the bar near the bottom"(Flood 1946).

Any equipment that was used was similar to that employed in the pipeline construction, with the addition of air compressors to drive drills weighing from 1,475 to 5,785 kg. on bedrock sites (Flood 1946). Few bladed trail disturbances were found in association with the telephone line. However, bulldozer tracks were common in some areas.

The completed line carried two copper-coated, steel wires on a crossbar. Poles were braced at each turn and cross braced in swampy areas. The telephone system was similar in length to the pipeline, with U.S.Army repeater stations at Pump Station Nos. 1, 4, 6, 7, 8, and 10 and at Brooks Brook (Figure 1.1). Each station employed three repeater men and two line men and a roving crew of five was also kept on the system (Hemstock 1945).

2.3.5 CANOL No.1 East: Operation

2.3.5.1 Road Operation

The finished road averaged 4.6 m in width. However, some sections were narrower and others reached widths of 7.3 m. Five per cent of the road had grades of from 10 to 16 % (Public Archives Canada RG36/37 Vol.6).

"Grades often reach eighteen per cent and curves are, for the most part, sharp and unbanked. The fill over muskeg is not deep enough and frost heaving is evident in November. Bridges are wooden pile, bent structures only wide enough for one vehicle, and in several cases, unable to stand ice action in spring. Many culverts are not yet installed. Consequently maintenance is somewhat more difficult than if a finished highway were built"(Hemstock 1945).

From the Mackenzie River to the Yukon border, the road was 372.4 km long (Hemstock 1945:Map). Road maintenance costs were high, estimated at \$187,500 a month for the

entire CANOL No. 1 road (Public Archives Canada RG36/37 Vol.6). As mentioned above, numerous sections were rerouted in an effort to reduce accidents and vehicle wear and to increase the efficiency of the transport system (Hemstock 1945). These reroutings were often classified as false start road disturbances, particularly since a number were incomplete at the time of abandonment. Initially, the road was necessary to provide access for the construction of the pipeline and telephone line but with the completion of these lines, the road became a necessary service link for convoys of trucks moving between pump stations and the supply depots at Whitehorse, Johnson's Crossing and Camp Canol. Maintenance of the pipe and telephone lines was carried out from the road which paralleled their rights-of-way. The Canol Convoy headquarters in Whitehorse employed 50 men (presumably the majority of these were drivers) with 40 others responsible for vehicle maintenance (Hemstock 1945).

"During the winter, snow and icings were the two main problems hindering road operation. 6x6 trucks were handling the job well from 13 camps. Each camp maintained an average of two plows.

In January and February, the work of snow removal became somewhat heavier, necessitating the use in certain areas of caterpillar D-8 bulldozers and rotary plows ... Four Caterpillar Dozers and one rotary plow were based at the maintenance camp at R.M.P. 80.5 to handle the snow on the Plains of Abraham. Four Tractors were based at the maintenance camp at R.M.P. 222 to handle snow in Macmillan Pass ... Snow in other sections was still handled by Galions and truck mounted plows"(Hemstock 1945).

Snow removal with plows often spread surface material from the road top onto the adjacent terrain. In tundra areas, drifting snow accumulated on the road behind plowed snow banks and made removal a continuous job (Hemstock 1945).

Icings developed in winter where water flow from streams, rivers or springs was maintained by ground water sources. They could accumulate on roads or encase the pipeline with several meters of ice. Hemstock described icing conditions which made the road nearly impassable (Hemstock 1945) and Finnie noted a gravel pit excavation, which struck ground-water in winter, where the accumulation of ice extended across the road (Finnie 1947a).

Bridge pilings were tilted and broken by the combined effect of river ice and high spring discharge. The Pelly River bridge was taken out in the first spring following its construction and the Carcajou River bridge and others were also damaged heavily that year. Culverts were plugged by ice and spring melt-water was dammed up or forced over the road causing numerous washouts each year (Public Archives Canada RG36/37 Vol.44 File 19-4-C).

Hemstock recorded that:

"On the section of road from Canol to Johnson's Crossing, 22 trucks equipped with snow plows were in use during January and February. In addition 15 Galions and 15 D-8 Caterpillars with bulldozer blades were used for snow removal. 15 trucks were in use for glacier control and 7 were used to handle the portable boilers"(Hemstock 1945).

The boiler was an apparatus which emitted steam to melt the ice. Fuel drums containing burning diesel fuel were also used at problem locations in an effort to get rid of icings which progressed too far or too rapidly to be controlled by stoves. Another control method was to raise the road level, keeping pace with ice accumulations (Finnie 1947a).

In the spring, the poor condition of the road rendered it impassable.

"None of the road was to be passable; much of the previously completed all weather road was washed out or disappeared in muskeg flats; bridges built during the winter [1943-1944] by Bechtel-Price-Callahan in extreme conditions of weather were found inadequate for spring floods and in some cases it was found that some bridges were not even in the proper channels, and these had to be replaced. Bechtel-Price-Callahan was not to be blamed for this, because under winter construction conditions it is often impossible to ascertain the true channel of these turbulent and often changing streams.

Surveys were made covering every mile of the road in early May [1944], as soon as melting of the snow permitted visual analysis. It was necessary to travel 180 miles in the center of the road by tractor and it can be assumed that almost all of this 180 miles was the equivalent of new construction. It was found that the use of the winter road location or even the previous all weather road location was prohibited because the insulating mat

of vegetation had been removed and these road sections became a greater obstacle to new construction than the untouched areas beside them.

Unfortunately this condition usually occurred in areas where good [road] material was extremely scarce"(Yukon Archives NNG75.93 No.16).

Hemstock indicated that during the breakup period, 10 April to 10 July, use of the road was restricted to emergencies such as pipeline breaks. Extensive road repairs were necessary following the 1945 breakup before heavy hauling could be resumed that summer and fall (Hemstock 1945).

In summer, dust was a major problem for traffic on the road. Truck convoys on the narrow, twisting road posed a special hazard.

"On meeting any vehicle, as a measure of safety the leading truck driver indicated by the fingers on his hand how many vehicles were in his convoy. So thick was the dust that it was a wise precaution to stop at the side of the road until the convoy had passed .."(Montgomery 1944).

The gravel pit access roads, gravel pits and borrow areas would have been used during this phase of the Project. Consequently, it is difficult to determine which sites were used during initial construction only and were therefore idle after 1943. This is particularly significant in the case of gravel pit access roads, because winter use would have caused less disturbance than summer use.

Few involved in the Project at the time of its initiation foresaw the problems associated with the road. Poorly located stream crossings, thawing of ice-rich permafrost, the break-up of the road in spring, the dust in summer, the extreme cold and snow of winter, and the dramatic changes in elevation with steep grades all combined to make the road an expensive undertaking. The lack of understanding of the northern environment and total lack of preplanning resulted in many costly errors in design and construction.

2.3.5.2 Pipeline Operation

Oil was pumped in CANOL No.1 for a total of 16 months from 19 December 1943 to 1 April 1945. Although oil entered the pipe at Camp Canol in December 1943, it did not reach Whitehorse until 16 April 1944. Delays resulted from construction problems and the time needed to test the pipe for weaknesses. In addition to this, an

estimated 27 days were required to fill the pipe (Yukon Archive RG338 No.4). Oil deliveries were made to Whitehorse for the 331 days from 16 April 1944 to 13 March 1945 (U.S.Army 1950).

Line breaks were a major operational problem. The line was designed to carry 3,000 barrels of crude oil a day. However, at 11,030 kPa pressure, the average daily capacity was 4,200 barrels (Hemstock 1945). Between July and November of 1944, the project provided all of the motor gas requirements for military needs between Watson Lake and Fairbanks and also exported between 136,000 and 244,000 barrels from Skagway. It was projected to produce 53 % of the annual aviation fuel requirements of the local traffic and of some 40,000 lend-lease aircraft which were flown over the staging route to Siberia (Yukon Archives RG338).

Records of the volumes of oil pumped from Camp Canol, received at Whitehorse, used at pump stations, left in the line as pipeline inventory and remaining unaccounted for are available for the period from April 1944 to March 1945 (Hemstock 1945). These data have been summarized in Table 2.2 and, where possible, a summary of the causes of pipeline breakages is presented in Table 2.3.

Only 42 % of the 'Unaccounted For' crude oil losses have been assigned a cause (Table 2.3). Based on volume, 47 % of the oil losses resulted from failure of damaged pipe. Pipe could have been damaged during transport to the job site from manufacturers, during construction or after the pipe was laid on the ground (Hemstock 1945; Heney 1944). The most common cause of such damage was from tractor tread lugs, incurred when the vehicles passed over exposed pipe. "The scars left are points of weakness and have failed under the high pressure and temperature strains encountered"(Hemstock 1945).

A further 22 % of the oil spillage resulted from failure of lapwelds when pumping pressures burst the pipe along the longitudinal joint. The pipe was "... war grade and not uniform to standards for pre-war manufacture" (Hemstock 1945).

Another 12 % of the spills occurred when tension and pressure caused breaks (Table 2.3). Hemstock noted that only a few such breaks were solely as a result of temperature induced tension. On hillsides, the expansion and contraction of pipe in response to temperature fluctuations caused creeping of the pipe and stresses were

Table 2.2: Summary of CANOL No.1 Pipeline operation (barrels)

| Date | Total Pumped From Canol | Total Received At Whitehorse | Total Accounted For At Pump Stations | Pipeline Inventory | Total Unaccounted For | % Of Total Pumped |
|---------------------------|---|---------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| <u>1943</u> | | | | | | |
| December 19 | 4,652 | 0 | ND | | ND | |
| <u>1944</u> | | | | | | |
| January | 10,458 | 0 | ND | | ND | |
| February | 6,827 | 0 | ND | | ND | |
| March | 35,554 | 0 | ND | | ND | |
| April | 98,053 | 45,489 | ND | | ND | |
| May | 81,890 | 76,399 | ND | | ND | |
| Sub-total | <u>237,434</u> | <u>121,988</u> | <u>4,000 (est.)</u> | <u>66,964</u> | <u>44,482</u> | <u>18.7%</u> |
| June | 89,725 | 81,723 | 758 | | 6,718 | 7.5% |
| July | 69,322 | 57,535 | 1,020 | | 8,552 | 12.3% |
| August | 89,801 | 78,963 | 1,015 | | 11,300 | 12.6% |
| September | 69,590 | 61,468 | 936 | | 9,103 | 13.1% |
| October | 117,589 | 109,406 | 1,084 | | 5,805 | 3.3% |
| November | 109,824 | 97,027 | 1,777 | | 9,224 | 8.4% |
| December | 106,834 | 93,324 | 2,326 | | 5,584 | 5.2% |
| <u>1945</u> | | | | | | |
| January | 120,967 | 118,448 | 2,248 | Stor. 8,979 Pipe 62,430 Total <u>71,409</u> | 3,863 | 3.2% |
| February | 106,571 | 102,287 | 2,691 | | 4,226 | 4.0% |
| March | <u>43,737</u> | <u>49,685</u> | <u>2,553</u> | 60,275 | ND | |
| Total | 1,161,394 | 971,685 (83.7%) | 20,408 (1.8%) | 60,275 (5.2%) | 108,857 (9.4%) | |
| Total Potentially Spilled | 108,857 + 60,275 = <u>169,132 (14.6%)</u> | | | | | |
| 'ND' no data available | | | | | | (after Hemstock 1945) |

Table 2.3: CANOL No.1 Pipeline breaks - Causes and quantities lost (barrels)

| Cause of Loss | | Excessive Tension or Pressure | | River Washouts | | Rock Slides | | Unknown | | Lapweld | | Pipe Damaged | | Pipe Break | | Butt Weld | | Scraper | | Ice Plug | | Misc. | | Total | | Cause of Loss Not Noted (%) | |
|---|--|-------------------------------|--|----------------|--|-------------|--|---------|--|---------|--|--------------|--|------------|--|-----------|--|---------|--|----------|--|-------|--|--------|--|-----------------------------|--|
| Date | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| December 1943 to March 1944 - no data available | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1944 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| April | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 750 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 750 | | NA | |
| May | | 0 | | 900 | | 0 | | 0 | | 333 | | 3,140 | | 900 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 30 | | 5,303 | | NA | |
| Sub-Total | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 6,053 | | 86% | |
| June | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 2,650 | | 10 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 2,660 | | 60% | |
| July | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 2,300 | | 5,050 | | 0 | | 50 | | 0 | | 0 | | 25 | | 7,425 | | 13% | |
| August | | 0 | | 50 | | 550 | | 0 | | 2,000 | | 2,080 | | 0 | | 1,300 | | 1,750 | | 0 | | 0 | | 7,730 | | 32% | |
| September | | 0 | | 150 | | 0 | | 0 | | 3,050 | | 3,890 | | 0 | | 0 | | 50 | | 0 | | 0 | | 7,140 | | 22% | |
| October | | 0 | | 50 | | 0 | | 0 | | 1,890 | | 2,060 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 4,000 | | 31% | |
| November | | 850 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 650 | | 1,850 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 2,330 | | 0 | | 5,680 | | 38% | |
| December | | 2,800 | | 0 | | 0 | | 120 | | 0 | | 250 | | 550 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 3,720 | | 33% | |
| 1945 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | | 1,700 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | | 1,700 | | 56% | |
| February to 13 March 1945 - no data available | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Project Totals | | 5,350 | | 1,150 | | 550 | | 120 | | 10,223 | | 21,720 | | 1,460 | | 1,350 | | 1,800 | | 2,330 | | 55 | | 46,108 | | | |
| % of Total Recorded Losses | | 12% | | 02% | | 01% | | <01% | | 22% | | 47% | | 03% | | 03% | | 04% | | 05% | | <01% | | | | | |
| 'NA' not applicable | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| * not noted as a lapweld | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (after Hemstock 1945) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

substantially increased in such areas.

"This is especially noticeable between Pump Stations No.3 and No.6, where the line is blown bare for long stretches. Places were seen in February where the line had become so tight that it hung suspended for as much as 10.0 feet across sharp gullies"(Hemstock 1945).

In conjunction with long, steep grades, and damaged, stressed or fatigued pipe sections, the line was operated at pressures higher than those specified by the manufacturer. The probability of a line break at these weak areas increased with higher operating pressures. Hemstock reports that the line was operated at 11,030 kPa, 6.3 % higher than manufacturer specifications, and consequently had a safety factor of only 3.3 (Hemstock 1945).

"Due to hydrostatic head, a pressure of 1,775 pounds [12,240 kPa] is carried at the Twitya River. This area has caused a great deal of trouble ... There seems to have been an increase, however, in the proportion of temperature stress failures ... steadily worse unless the pipeline is properly anchored"(Hemstock 1945)

A U.S.Army report differs from Hemstock, stating that 104 operational spills occurred (vs. Hemstock's 126) and that 90 % of these resulted from damage by construction equipment while 5 % were lapweld failures, 3 % resulted from temperature induced stresses and 2 % were due to the failure of field welds (U.S.Army 1950).

Hemstock(1945) suggested five reasons for the large amounts of oil lost with most spills.

1. Block gates or check valves were not installed at short enough intervals.
2. In many cases, transportation had been slow and many hours were taken before breaks and valves could be reached.
3. Large temperature changes made breaks hard to detect immediately.
4. Topography of the ground was such that line drain was large.
5. Some difficulty had been encountered with poor gauging and control of the line

A drop in the head pressure at each pump station indicated that a break had occurred. Pressures in the line were then checked in order to locate the spill to within a

few km and this was followed by a visual inspection.

"Under the existing conditions of installation, terrain, and weather, evidences of line breaks were often difficult to detect, for the magnitude of the station pumping pressure drop resulting from a break was a function of the rate of change of line temperatures as well as of the size and location of the break. In some instances, existence of leaks was not detected until pump station pumpings and receipts and withdrawals along the line were carefully checked"(U.S.Army 1950).

Tractors were used when distances or terrain difficulties restricted access. Repairs were effected using standard welding units, or in winter when transportation was difficult, the pipe was threaded and screwed flanges and spools were used to close breaks (Hemstock 1945). Pipe to be used for repairs was placed on racks above the drifting snow. Breaks under icings or buried beneath the snow were difficult to locate and could also require a long time to repair. New pipe was often laid around the trouble spot in order to reduce the amount of 'down-time' (Hemstock 1945).

Of the oil pumped into the pipeline, 14.6 % was potentially spilled (Table 2.3). This includes the 5.2 % that was left in the pipe and in storage tanks along the line at the time of abandonment. Presumably, much of this was dumped on the ground during salvage operations. The remaining 9.4 % (108,857 barrels) was presumed to be spilled during construction and operation of the line and of this, 42 % (46,108 barrels) was recorded in Hemstock's report with reasons for the various breaks. A total of 30,458 barrels was accounted for (Hemstock 1945). Damaged pipe and constuctional faults led to 54.3% of these losses while operationally induced failures resulted in 39.9% of the oil spillage. Recorded spills represent 42 % of the total losses in the column 'Unaccounted For' on Table 2.3. The remaining 58 % (62,749 barrels) was presumably lost between Camp Canol and Whitehorse. This represents 5.4 % of the oil originally pumped into the line and such discrepancies were noted during the life of the Project by Hemstock (1945) and Heney (1944). Some of this difference may have been due to weathering, small leaks, poor gauging or unreported use of crude. Weathering losses were estimated to average 1,500 barrels a month (Hemstock 1945) and over the 16 months of operation, weathering could have resulted in a total loss of 24,000 barrels, if this volume could be assumed constant,

leaving a balance of 38,749 barrels 'Unaccounted For'.

Unreported use of crude by constructors and maintenance crews is impossible to assess. A chart from the pump house at Station No.5 had an annotation recording the drawing of crude from the line by Elliott Construction. There is no apparent allowance in Table 2.3 for this use, although it may have been included in the value given for the Pump Stations. The pump station charts also show line breaks which were not included in Hemstock's report and this is certainly another possible source of discrepancy between the volumes 'Unaccounted For' and those recorded as lost in oil spills.

Further operational problems resulted from the poor location of pump station facilities. At Pump Station No.4 the original 1,000 barrel storage tank had to be relocated due to the combined effect of springs, solifluction and ground-ice thaw. Hemstock noted that poor foundation location over permafrost bodies resulted in thermokarst and slumping at some pump stations (Hemstock 1945). The inexperience of contractors and the haste of construction (which was mainly carried out during the winter) most certainly contributed to these problems (Finnie 1947a; Grafe 1943). Oil spills occurred and vehicles had to traverse from the road to repair the pipeline, thereby often creating bulldozer track and bladed trail types of disturbances.

The problems associated with the pipeline operation were primarily the result of a lack of understanding of the northern environment. Costly mistakes resulted from winter construction under extremely limiting conditions, using equipment and techniques designed for less rigorous environments. No northern pipeline had encountered the conditions faced by the CANOL Project. Among the problems resulting from a lack of understanding of northern environments were: the metal fatigue and line creeping resulting from extreme temperature fluctuations, the brittle nature of steel at very low temperatures, the difficulties with vehicular travel over wet tundra when thawed, the degradation of the road during spring breakup requiring the use of tracked vehicles only at that time and the poor visibility and accessibility of pipe encased in icings or buried in snow.

2.3.5.3 Telephone Line Operation

The telephone system operated without major problems. A crew of 5 men was responsible for line maintenance (Hemstock 1945). Stations were 'open' and a coded series of rings was employed to contact each telephone.

2.3.6 CANOL No.1 East: Abandonment

Evacuation directives were issued on 8 March 1945 and the Canol Road East was closed by 24 April 1945. Abandonment was completed prior to spring breakup in order to avoid the delay and maintenance costs associated with keeping the road open during and after spring thaw. Of equal and perhaps greater importance was the fact that the War Department appropriations for CANOL expired 30 June 1945, and in the words of one official

"...it is not impossible, in view of the changing military picture in Europe and domestic political considerations that Congress may refuse to provide funds for its continued operation..." (Public Archives Canada MG26 J4 Vol.243 File 2461).

2.3.6.1 Road Abandonment

It was necessary to keep the road open during the shutdown, and evacuation activities centered on road maintenance camps and pump stations. Evacuation moved from the Mackenzie River westward. "Camp R.M.P.35 was closed down on April 5, while the camp at R.M.P.76 was closed on April 9. The schedule calls for the road and camps to be completely abandoned from Canol to R.M.P.280 by April 30, 1945" (Hemstock 1945). By 24 April 1945, everything east of R.M.P. 208E was abandoned (Public Archives Canada RG36/37 Vol.6).

Buildings were cleaned, secured and boarded up. Sufficient equipment was left on site to reopen the road, should that be desirable (Yukon Archives RG338). The equipment was winterized and placed in parking areas protected from ice and water action (Hemstock 1945). The heavy machinery too costly to move was left.

"In some cases there is good equipment not near a camp, such as shovels in gravel pits, but this is where the equipment would be used again if the road were opened and it will be left there"(Yukon Archives RG338).

The majority of the rolling stock was brought out (Hemstock 1945; Public Archives Canada RG36/37 Vol.6) but many pieces of machinery were left behind.

"This will leave a great deal of equipment between miles 50 and 280. Such equipment has been rendered immobile through breakage or shortage of parts ... The intention is to abandon the Canol Road completely"(Public Archives Canada RG36/37 Vol.6).

Finally, road blocks were erected at either end of the road (Public Archives Canada GR 22 Vol.109 file 84-32-6 Pt.3) and by 30 April 1945, the road was no longer passable (Public Archives Canada RG 36,37 Vol.6).

2.3.6.2 Pipeline Abandonment

On 13 March 1945, pipeline operations were completely suspended. The pumps were turned off and any oil drain-back was put into storage tanks. A total of 60,275 barrels of oil was left in the pipeline system which included surge tanks at every pump station (Hemstock 1945). Machinery (e.g. pumps and light plants at each station and maintenance camp) was left in grease, winterized and made secure from the weather, ready for the day when it would again be put into service (Public Archives Canada RG36/37 Vol.6).

All of the equipment and machinery necessary to operate the pipeline was left on site since the U.S.Army intended to seek a buyer for the CANOL No.1 Project who would put it back into service as an economic venture. Dismantling of the Project facilities would have lowered its sale value and increased the cost of abandonment. An additional consideration was the spring thaw and the need to withdraw hastily before the road became impassable.

2.3.6.3 Telephone Line Abandonment

The repeater stations were removed from the line as the pump stations and camps were abandoned. This had progressed well by 31 March 1945 (Public Archives Canada RG36/37 Vol.6). The wire and poles were left intact, ready for use, should the

Project be reactivated.

The U.S. Army planned to sell the CANOL No. 1 pipeline to the highest bidder and assumed that the new owner would reactivate the facilities. However, this was not to be the case and instead, much of the oil left in the line was spilled during salvage operations. The vehicles, construction machinery, pump station installations and pipe were the main focus of salvage operations. No attempt was made to rehabilitate any of the CANOL environmental disturbances.

2.3.7 CANOL No.1 East Salvage

2.3.7.1 Salvage Chronology

With the abandonment of the CANOL No. 1 Project in 1945, road blocks were established to restrict access along the Canol Road. Imperial Oil Ltd. acquired title to the assets of the United States Government at Norman Wells for \$3,000,000 in September 1945 (Public Archives Canada RG36/7 Vol.2). In 1947, having acquired the salvage rights to the CANOL No. 1 Project for less than \$1,000,000 (Phillips 1967; Karamanski 1979), a Pennsylvania-based salvage firm, L.B. Foster Company (Public Archives RG35 B3 Vol.2 126), began removing machinery and pipe from the CANOL No. 1 line. George Prince from Dawson Creek, British Columbia subcontracted to do the work (Public Archives Canada RG35 B3 Vol.2 126) and was conducting salvage operations in November 1948. In 1949, Ray Hade and Tom Rimmer from Westlock, Alberta acquired the salvage rights (Anon 1970). Mr. Rimmer took over the operation on the eastern end of the Project in the summers of 1952–1953. Rimmer (personal communication 1978) and Bill Kochan (personal communication 1978) indicated that in 1951 pipe and machinery was removed from the Macmillan Pass area. Although a number of pipe sections still remain, most of the line is gone. Vehicle dumps, barrel caches and camps remain on site, despite the numerous official and unofficial salvages that have been carried out since 1945 (Anon 1970; Synergy West Ltd 1975).

2.3.7.2 Salvage Methods

Salvage work was conducted year-round (Bill Kochan, personal communication 1978), although some sources indicate that a slowdown and/or cessation of activities occurred in the colder winter months and during spring breakup. Apparently, winter operations were restricted to the Yukon portion of the Project, with perhaps some early winter incursions into the N.W.T. before heavy snowfalls occurred (Bill Kochan, personal communication 1978; T. Rimmer, personal communication 1978). The majority of the salvage work on CANOL No.1 East was completed during the summer months between late June and October (T. Rimmer, personal communication 1978).

To retrieve pipe sections, a low point was selected where initial cuts could be made to drain the oil from the line. The pipe was cut into 12 m lengths, loaded onto trucks and removed. In some cases, the oil was burned and in others it was allowed to drain away from the site (T. Rimmer, personal communication 1978).

Generally, the road was used without attempting to reconstruct or grade it but on large rivers, where fording was precluded, the bridges were made secure. On the Pelly River, crossings were made in winter over the ice and freight was stockpiled at Pump Station No.9. All machinery that was repairable or could be removed in tow was taken out. On the eastern end of the Project, salvage was stockpiled at Camp Canol and later barged up the Mackenzie River (Bill Kochan, personal communication 1978; T.Rimmer, personal communication 1978). The camps, left in readiness for reactivation of the Project, provided a wealth of small articles for salvage.

"... washing machines, light plants, electric irons, oil stoves, freezers, bed rolls, fuel, double beds, single beds, and inner spring mattresses. There were rations, blankets, pillows, medical supplies, dishes, pots and pans, silverware, and just about anything one could imagine" (Harbottle and Credeur 1966).

Use of the road and pipeline rights-of-way during salvage would have reactivated these disturbances and may well have created new ones. Reference to the August 1944 aerial photography made it possible to determine which disturbances had originated prior to that date but it was not possible to determine whether some had been reactivated during the salvage operations. The most significant environmental impacts associated with the salvage phase appear to have resulted from oil spillage and use of

the Canol Road.

2.4 CANOL No.1 East: Summary

From the time of its inception to its abandonment, the CANOL No.1 Project spanned 3 years (Tables 2.4 and 2.5). The road was under construction for one month in 1942 and after nine months of work in 1943 was officially declared completed (Table 2.5). The pipeline was under construction for 11 months with eight months of inactivity separating two construction periods (Table 2.5). Two years after its inception, the Project was fulfilling its main objective, delivering crude oil to Whitehorse (Table 2.5). Considering the logistical, environmental and technical limitations encountered during this short period, this was, without doubt, an amazing accomplishment.

2.5 Current Land Use

The North Canol Road ⁸ in the Yukon was restored during the summers of 1969 and 1970 (Anon 1970). In 1965, the Mackenzie Mountains, N.W.T. were opened for guided sport hunting and three of the outfitting zones delineated at that time included sections of the CANOL Project right-of-way (Simmons 1968b). Outfitting and big game hunting have been conducted in the area since that time.

Facilities installed by the CANOL Project provide easy travel along the road with sure-footing for horses while the buildings give temporary shelter or are used as base camps. Many derelict buildings are used by outfitters and their clients as kitchens, mess halls, bunk houses, storage areas or stables. Four-wheel-drive vehicles can be driven beyond the Intga River and the road is open to regular summer traffic from R.M.P. 231, the Yukon border to R.M.P. 222. The remainder of the road bed is used by horses and hikers backpacking their supplies. Between the Godlin Lakes area and Macmillan Pass, trail bikes have been in use since 1973.

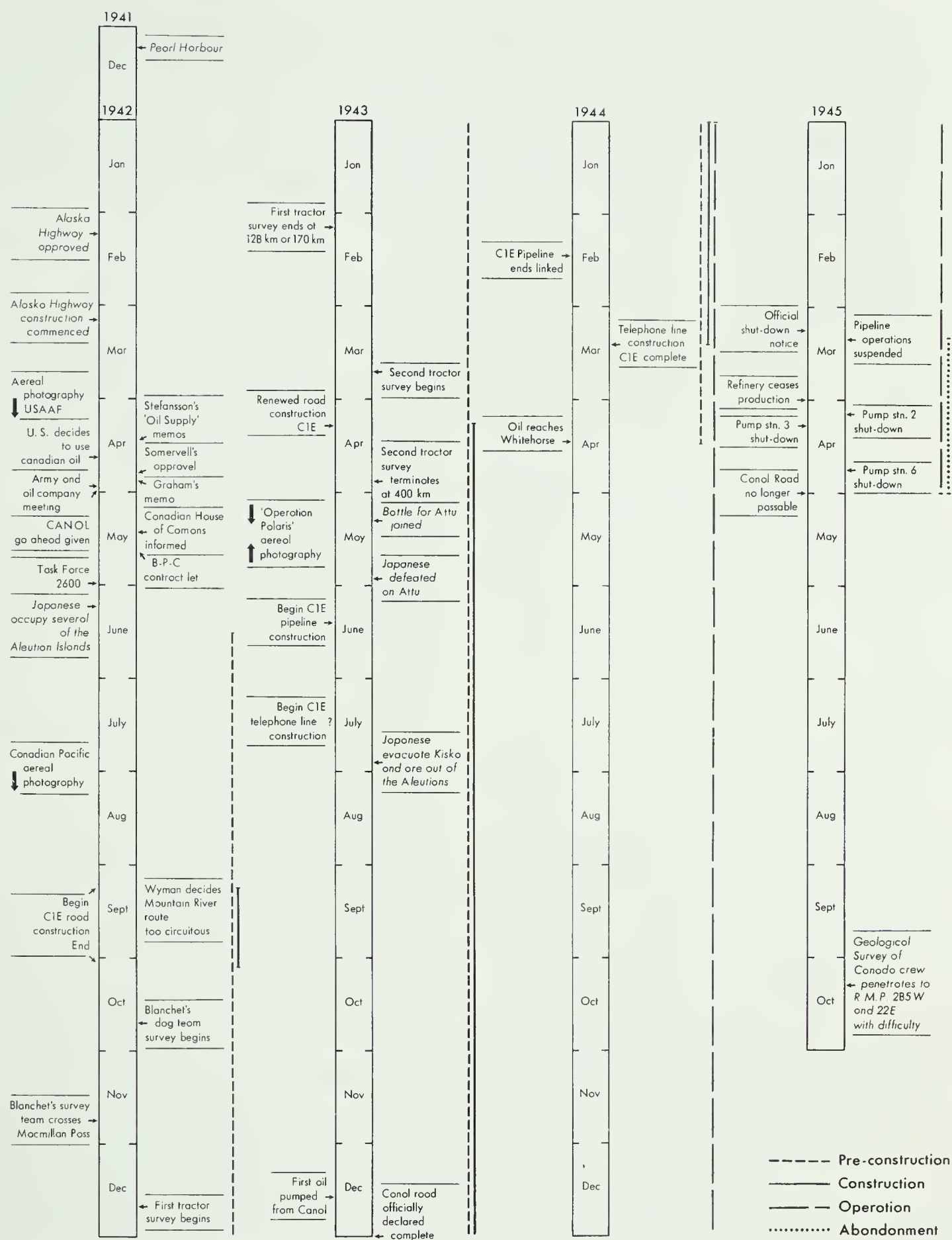
Geological exploration began with the opening of the road (Kindle 1945), was active in the border area in 1952–1953 (B.McFadden, personal communication 1978), and has continued to the present as a major activity. Several permanent and seasonal

⁸Yukon residents and official Yukon road maps refer to the Ross River–Macmillan Pass section of the Canol Road as the 'North Canol Road'

Table 2.4: Dates of activity and types of disturbances initiated in alpine tundra: CANOL No.1 Project, N.W.T.

| Project Stage | Type of Disturbance | Bulldozer Tracks | Bladed Trails | Camp Yards | Gravel Pits | Gravel Pit Access Roads | Roads | Oil Spills |
|--|---------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Route Reconnaissance and Survey | | 1/43-111/43 | 1/43-111/43 | | | | | |
| Road Location Survey | | 17/VI/43-1/XI/45 | 17/VI/43-1/XI/45 | 17/VI/43-1/XI/45 | | | | |
| Road Construction and Road Operation | | 23/VI/43-30/IV/45 | 23/VI/43-30/IV/45 | 23/VI/43-30/IV/45 | 23/VI/43-30/IV/45 | 23/VI/43-30/IV/45 | 23/VI/43-30/IV/45 | |
| Pipeline Construction and Pipeline Operation | | 1/X/43-31/1/45 | 1/X/43-31/1/45 | 1/X/43-31/1/45 | | | | 25/1/44-31/1/45 |
| Telephone Construction and Telephone Operation | | 1/XI/43-27/III/44 | 1/XI/43-27/III/44 | 1/XI/43-27/III/44 | | | | |
| Project Abandonment | | | | 24/IV/45 | | | 24/IV/45 | |
| Project Salvage | | VI - IX in 1952 and in 1953 | | VI - IX in 1952 and in 1953 | | | VI - IX in 1952 and in 1953 | VI - IX in 1952 and in 1953 |

sources include various archival documents discussed in the text



Note: Overlap of the pre-construction, construction, operation and abandonment phases occurs since not all the parts of the project were completed simultaneously.
CIE - short for CANOL Pipeline No. 1 East, the Northwest Territories section

Table 2.5 A chronology of CANOL No.1 and related events

camps exist within 10 km of the Canol Road. Seasonal airstrips have been established at R.M.P. 268 and R.M.P. 222. The R.M.P. 222 strip was maintained for ski-equipped winter landings until 1981–1982 and the Camp 222 site had a year-round weather station built into the old camp repair garage. Future developments based on mining ventures seem assured.

In 1979, construction was commenced on a privately owned wildlife lodge in a CANOL Project gravel pit, 0.5 km from the road at R.M.P. 211.8. The buildings, located at the highest point on the Mackenzie Mountain Barrens, were constructed using bridge timbers and telephone poles salvaged from the CANOL Project. A number of windows, doors and sleeping cots from the Project were also used.

Each summer, an average of 6 hikers use the Canol Road and remaining buildings. Some start from the end of the driveable road in the west and hike through to Norman Wells while others begin at various points along the road where they can be dropped off by fixed-wing aircraft or helicopter.

2.5.1 Conclusions

The CANOL Project was one of the largest projects ever undertaken in northern Canada. It was rapidly conceived and executed with little understanding of northern environmental limitations. As a result of inadequate planning and no environmentally sensitive regulation of the Project, its potential for negative environmental impacts was great. For example, the only restriction that was placed on activities during the operation of the Project was a moratorium on hunting and this was apparently ignored (Flood 1946). No mitigative measures designed to reduce environmental impacts were undertaken, except as they resulted from normal engineering practices. No attempt was made to bypass ecologically sensitive areas in an effort to reduce potential negative biological consequences and no rehabilitation programme was instituted to enhance recovery. At the time of this study the CANOL disturbances were 34–36 years old.

3. SOIL ALTERATIONS RESULTING FROM CANOL DISTURBANCES

3.1 Introduction And Purpose

This portion of the study was concerned with the differences between control soils and disturbed site substrates and whether the magnitude of the alterations varied with the type of disturbance (i.e. purposes 2 and 3 in Section 1.3). Results of this analysis may provide explanations for the local plant community and wildlife characteristics discussed in Chapters 4 and 5.

The term 'substrate', as it is used in this chapter, refers to the surface and near surface layers of the ground (Agriculture Canada 1976). It includes 'soils' of both disturbed and control sites. On the disturbed sites, the newly created surface, immediately following the abandonment of the CANOL Project, had the most direct effect on plant colonization. The surface was the seed bed on which germination and initial survival depended. However, once established the plants' roots would penetrate the surface layer and gain nourishment from a greater depth. Discussion in this chapter will be concerned primarily with the uppermost sections of the substrate.

Disturbances initiated by the CANOL Project have resulted in a variety of substrate alterations. In some cases, near-surface characteristics have become totally different. For example, aggregate extraction has often removed surficial deposits leaving only parent material exposed to be colonized by plants. In other cases, alterations are almost indiscernible. Examples of this were found in areas that had experienced the single passage of a tracked vehicle during the winter. This had only a minor impact and was generally difficult to locate on the ground without aerial photographs and then often was evident only because of vegetation differences (e.g. when erect shrubs had been removed). Exceptions to this were found in tall shrub-dominated areas where clearing had occurred. Oil spills presented yet another case since in these areas substrate alterations were of a chemical as well as a physical nature. Because of the great variety of disturbances, each type has been treated separately within each of the 7 physiognomically defined plant communities.

Surficial deposits reflect the varied geologic and geomorphic history of the region. Parent material characteristics ranged from calcareous to acidic bedrock and

included glacial deposits and colluvium which vary from perhaps pre-Quaternary to Holocene in age. Some surfaces were affected by contemporary permafrost whereas others experienced only seasonal freezing. The eastern portion of the study area was dominantly well drained and gravelly, whereas, the western area had more poorly drained, fine textured surficial deposits and ground-ice was common.

3.2 Methods

3.2.1 Field Methods

Field sampling was carried out between 23 June and 29 September 1979 on those sites where vegetation information had been previously collected. Two criteria were used in selecting representative disturbance sites for sampling.

1. A variety of sites had to be located in close proximity to one another
2. Each set of sites had to be contained within an area of homogeneous vegetation (i.e. in terms of structure and species composition), considered representative of larger regions.

Complex relief often resulted from surface stones, hummocks, tussocks, polygons, circles, nets, steps or stripes. Where applicable, a random sample of individual relief elements (e.g. height, diameter, trough width, riser height, tread length) was measured to the nearest 0.5 cm. Geomorphological features were described and classified for each site with general comments regarding predominant geomorphic phenomena and processes operating recently and in the distant past.⁹

Control or reference sites were selected from nearby undisturbed areas. The control soil pit was dug within the plant community in which the initial disturbance was effected. One pit was dug on each disturbance and its control site to the maximum rooting depth or, in some cases, to the permafrost table or bedrock. No pits were dug in blockfields or, for obvious reasons, in bedrock. Where patterned ground was present with plants on only one portion, the area with vegetation was excavated and sampled.

However, when both portions of the feature supported plants, composite samples and

⁹This designation was based primarily on plant cover. Areas devoid of plants were assumed to have been active recently while continuous, well-developed plant cover was taken as an indication of inactivity.

descriptions were made. With few exceptions, all pits for one site (control plus disturbances) were dug and sampled on the same day. Exposures were made large enough to allow a description of lateral and vertical development and to provide sufficient material for samples.

Horizons and the anthropogenic layers (man-made surface deposits or artificially exposed subsurface mineral material) were numbered and each measured to the nearest 0.5 cm. Average thickness and maximum variation were noted. Bimetallic dial thermometers were inserted in the pit bottom and in the centre of each horizon. One also was placed on the ground surface out of direct sunlight. These thermometers were read to the nearest 0.5 C°. Depths were noted and temperatures were read as soon as the thermometers had stabilized. All temperatures for a set of disturbances and their control were determined over a maximum of a few hours time on the same day in order to ensure that they were comparable. A subjective texture assessment was made for each layer with a percentage estimate of clay, silt, sand and stones (these values were later compared with the results of sieving). Where possible, the source of the parent material was noted (e.g. till, colluvium, alluvium, fractured bedrock). Colour was described under field conditions using a Munsell Colour Chart.

Samples of the material that was less than 2 mm in diameter were collected from each layer, sealed in polyethylene bags, frozen and transported to Edmonton for laboratory analyses. Double and triple bagging was used to reduce moisture loss.

3.2.2 Laboratory Methods

Frozen samples were thawed and the moisture content determined gravimetrically (modified from McKeague, 1976:43 and Kalra 1971:67). Moisture content was expressed on an oven dry weight basis. Organic matter was determined by weight loss-on-ignition (modified from McKeague 1976:155 and Kalra 1971:20) and expressed as a percentage of pre-combustion weight. The pH was measured in a soil paste using a combination electrode. Particle size was determined using sieves 10, 40, and 200 with mesh sizes of 2.0, 0.42 and 0.074 mm respectively (McKeague 1976:29). Sieving separated four soil fractions: 1) gravel, 2) very coarse to medium sand, 3) medium to very fine sand, and 4) very fine sand, silt and clay (McKeague 1976:5).

Using standard techniques (Jobson et al. 1972), hydrocarbon residue analyses were completed by the Department of Microbiology, University of Alberta for samples collected from ten oil spills. The weight of extracted oil was expressed as a percentage of the total sample weight and n-alkanes (saturated hydrocarbons) were identified using gas liquid chromatography.

3.3 Results And Discussion

In total, 132 substrate descriptions were made from 33 sampling localities with 33 control soil descriptions. The substrate sampling followed 2 years of investigations during the growing season and winter and choice of sites was based on these studies. Sites were chosen as representative of larger areas rather than as random samples for use in statistical analysis. The substrates described represent 43% of the 310 stands from which plant community information was collected. False start roads and recently undisturbed camp yards are not common and as a result only a few were sampled (Table 3.1).

Many of the sample sites were on parent materials exposed during the Project. These often gravelly substrates were therefore relatively sterile environments, and consequently characteristics such as moisture retention ability would be most important in determining suitability for revegetation (Johnson 1981 and Johnson et. al. 1981).

The parameters chosen for study do not necessarily reflect the degree of substrate disturbance associated with oil spills. The addition of oil has altered the substrate by introducing substances toxic to plants and thereby dramatically affecting rates of revegetation. Such substances are not found in the other types of disturbances and undoubtedly will effect recovery along different channels. For example, organic content is not the major limiting factor on oil spills but is generally very important on other types of disturbances. Oil spills therefore will be discussed separately.

Initial analyses were based upon mean values for each parameter. This limits discussion to differences between means of controls and disturbances and among disturbances. With the small sample size and the absence of information for all disturbance types in every plant community a further limitation was placed upon interpretations of mean values. In an effort to reduce these problems a

control-corrected value (CC) was derived whereby

$$CC = [(D_1 - C_1) + D_2 - C_2) \dots + (D_n - C_n)] / n$$

D_1 is the value for a parameter measured in a disturbance at site number one

C_1 is the value for the same parameter measured in the undisturbed (control) area at site number one

n is the number of sites sampled.

Control-corrected values are, therefore, the means of the differences between disturbances and associated controls.

Within the 7 major physiognomically defined plant communities found in the study area, a number of distinctive control soil types can be described (Table 3.1). The specific descriptions presented here are representative of typical soils in these plant communities and where more than one is presented, it is because this plant community was found to occur on more than one soil type.

3.3.1 Erect Deciduous Shrub Tundra

This type of tundra was found to occupy landforms of alluvium and till throughout the study area. However, in the Ekwi-Intga-Tsichu River Valleys Ecoregion, the near-surface horizons, predominantly in the tills, were found to be shock sensitive (Zoltai and Woo 1978) and to liquify with a minimum of disturbance. These layers contain 65–70% sand and 30–35% fine sand, silt and clay (Table 3.1). Contact with the gravelly alluvium varied from 7 to 24 cm. Consequently, these soils are generally well-drained. However, the thick surface covering of lichens reduces moisture losses and therefore these soils are also moist (Table 3.2). The sporadically distributed patterned ground appeared to be active. However, to a large extent this was the result of needle ice activity and deflation processes, both of which prevent or restrict plant colonization. Sorted features averaged 100 to 200 cm in diameter and were often contained by a raised, plant-covered border 15 to 25 cm in height. In the Ekwi-Intga-Tsichu River Valleys and the Mackenzie Mountain Barrens Ecoregions, a discontinuous volcanic ash layer was often found beneath the organic surface horizon.

Ice-bonded permafrost was restricted to wetlands containing isolated palsas, where organic layers were relatively thick. These features were small in area and the soils

Table 3.1: Soil characteristics of representative control sites in each plant community of the CANOL Project disturbance studies, N.W.T.

Erect Deciduous Shrub Tundra: 75%-100% cover

well-drained river terrace, alluvial parent material composed of shales, slates and sandstones

Soil classification: Sombric Brunisol

Sites: 2,3,9,31,110

| Horizon | Depth (cm) - Range | Particle Size (%) | | | Texture | pH | Organic Matter (%) | Colour |
|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|------|-----------------------|---------|-----|--------------------|----------------------------|
| | | +2mm | Sand | Fine Sand, Silt, Clay | | | | |
| L-F | 5-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 4.3 | 76 | black 10YR 2/1 |
| Volcanic Ash | 0-7±3 | 0 | 24 | 76 | Ash | 5.3 | 8 | yellowish brown 10YR 5.5/4 |
| Ah ¹ | 7-9±2 | 20 | 70 | 30 | GSL | 4.2 | NO | black 10YR 2/1 |
| Ah ² | 9-19±1 | 30 | 63 | 37 | GSL | NO | NO | very dark gray 10YR 3.3/1 |
| Bm | 19-43+ | 90 | 93 | 7 | G | 4.5 | NO | dark brown 10YR 3/3 |

modern floodplain, alluvium parent material composed of dolomite gravels

Soil classification: Humic Gleysol

Site: 37

| Horizon | Depth (cm) - Range | Particle Size (%) | | | Texture | pH | Organic Matter (%) | Colour |
|---------|-----------------------|-------------------|------|-----------------------|---------|-----|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| | | +2mm | Sand | Fine Sand, Silt, Clay | | | | |
| Ahgk | 0-7±5 | 0 | 100 | 0 | | 7.3 | 11 | black 5Y 2.5/1 |
| Cgk | 7-30+ | 75 | 56 | 44 | VGSL | 7.3 | NO | very dark grayish brown 2.5Y 3.5 |

Decumbent Shrub Tundra: 60%-100% plant cover

sorted nets, colluvial parent material derived from dolomites and limestones

Soil classification: Humic Regosol

Sites: 93,94,96,101,112

| Horizon | Depth (cm) - Range | Particle Size (%) | | | Texture | pH | Organic Matter (%) | Colour |
|---------|-----------------------|-------------------|------|-----------------------|---------|-----|--------------------|--------------------------|
| | | +2mm | Sand | Fine Sand, Silt, Clay | | | | |
| L-F | 7-0±6 | | | | | 6.8 | 54 | black 10YR 2/1 |
| Ahk | 0-21±6 | 5 | 42 | 58 | L | 7.0 | NO | very dark brown 10YR 2/2 |
| ACK | 21-29±2 | 80 | 52 | 48 | VGSL | 8.1 | NO | brown 10YR 4/3 |

Sedge Meadow Tundra: 65%-100% plant cover

fen, herbaceous peat over till containing shales and slates, permafrost below 60 cm

Soil classification: Organic Cryosol

Sites: 11,16,84

| Horizon | Depth (cm) - Range | Particle Size (%) | | | Texture | pH | Organic Matter (%) | Colour |
|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------|------|-----------------------|---------|-----|--------------------|----------------------------|
| | | +2mm | Sand | Fine Sand, Silt, Clay | | | | |
| Om | 60-40 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 6.9 | 82 | black 10YR 2/1.5 |
| Volcanic Ash | 40-38±0.5 | 0 | 30 | 70 | SIL | 6.4 | 20 | dark brown 10YR 3.5/3 |
| Oh | 38-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | NO | 87 | very dark brown 10YR 2/2 |
| Ahg | 0-3 | 25 | 53 | 47 | GSL | 3.4 | NO | very dark gray 7.5YR 3.5/0 |

Table 3.1 Continued Sedge Meadow Tundra continued
bog, seepage area on colluvium containing granites

Soil classification: Humic Gleysol (peaty phase)

Sites: 14,105

| Horizon | Depth (cm) - Range | Particle Size (%) | | | Texture | pH | Organic Matter (%) | Colour |
|---------|-----------------------|-------------------|------|--------------------------|---------|-----|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | | +2mm | Sand | Fine Sand, Silt, Clay | | | | |
| Om | 10-0 | | | | | 4.4 | 32 | dark yellowish brown 10YR 3.5/ |
| Ahg | 0-16 | 5 | 71 | 29 | SL | 4.2 | 14 | very dark grayish- brown 10YR 3.5/ |

Lichen Heath Tundra: 80%-100% plant cover

well-drained colluvium parent material derived from granites

Soil classification: Dystric Brunisol

Sites: 104

| Horizon | Depth (cm) - Range | Particle Size (%) | | | Texture | pH | Organic Matter (%) | Colour |
|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|------|--------------------------|---------|-----|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | | +2mm | Sand | Fine Sand, Silt, Clay | | | | |
| Of | 5-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 4.2 | 88 | very dark brown 10YR 2/2 |
| Ahg | 0-1±0.5 | 0 | 85 | 15 | LS | 3.9 | 3 | dark brown 7.5YR 2/2 |
| Bm ¹ | 1-29±5 | 1 | 74 | 26 | SL | 4.2 | ND | dark brown 7.5YR 2/2 |
| Bm ² | 29-44±5 | 85 | 82 | 18 | VGLS | 4.0 | ND | dark brown 7.5YR 2/2 |

Fruticose Lichen Tundra: 75%-100% plant cover

well-drained colluvium, parent material derived from granites

Soil classification: Dystric Brunisol

Sites: 78,107

| Horizon | Depth (cm) - Range | Particle Size (%) | | | Texture | pH | Organic Matter (%) | Colour |
|---------|-----------------------|-------------------|------|--------------------------|---------|-----|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | | +2mm | Sand | Fine Sand, Silt, Clay | | | | |
| L-H | 2-0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | | 4.3 | 35 | black 5YR 2.5/1 |
| Ah | 0-4 | 20 | 80 | 20 | GLS | 5.0 | 5 | dark reddish brown 5YR 4/2 |
| Bm | 4-25 | 35 | 69 | 31 | GSL | 4.8 | 2 | dark reddish brown 5YR 3/3 |

well-drained colluvium, parent material derived from granites

Soil classification: Humic Regosol

Sites: 72,76

| Horizon | Depth (cm) - Range | Particle Size (%) | | | Texture | pH | Organic Matter (%) | Colour |
|---------|-----------------------|-------------------|------|--------------------------|---------|-----|--------------------------|----------|
| | | +2mm | Sand | Fine Sand, Silt, Clay | | | | |
| L-F | 13-8±4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 4.1 | 100 | |
| H | 8-0±3 | 0 | 40 | 60 | | 4.1 | 77 | 10YR 4/3 |
| Ah | 0-9 | 90 | 0 | 100 | G | 4.3 | ND | 10YR 2/2 |

Cushion Plant Tundra: 3%-35% plant cover

well-drained colluvium, parent material derived from limestones and dolomites

Soil classification: Humic Regosol (lithic phase) under *Dryas* mat Sites: 83,87,88,89,91

| Horizon | Depth (cm) - Range | Particle Size (%) | | | Texture | pH | Organic Matter (%) | Colour |
|---------|-----------------------|-------------------|------|--------------------------|---------|-----|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | | +2mm | Sand | Fine Sand, Silt, Clay | | | | |
| Ahk | 0-12 | 25 | 61 | 39 | GSL | 7.2 | ND | very dark brown 10Yr 2/2 |
| Ck | 12-16 | 98 | 91 | 9 | G | 7.9 | ND | dark brown 10Yr 3/3 |

Table 3.1 continued Cushion Plant Tundra continued

well-drained colluvium, parent material derived from limestones and dolomites

Soil classification: Orthic Regosol (lithic phase) under bare areas Sites: 83,87,88,89,91

| Horizon | Depth (cm) - Range | Particle Size (%) | | | Texture | pH | Organic Content (%) | Colour |
|---------|-----------------------|-------------------|------|--------------------------|---------|-----|---------------------------|------------------------|
| | | +2mm | Sand | Fine Sand, Silt, Clay | | | | |
| Bck | 0-11 | 20 | 88 | 12 | GLS | 7.9 | ND | brown 10YR 4/3 |
| Ck | 11-17 | 98 | 91 | 9 | G | 7.9 | ND | dark brown 10YR 3/3 |

Crustose Lichen Tundra: 70%-100% plant cover

excessively drained blockslope with isolated (5%) pockets of fines, calcareous Sites:

| Horizon | Depth (cm) - Range | Particle Size (%) | | | Texture | pH | Organic Content (%) | Colour |
|---------|-----------------------|-------------------|------|--------------------------|---------|-----|---------------------------|------------------------|
| | | +2mm | Sand | Fine Sand, Silt, Clay | | | | |
| C | 0-56 | 3 | 56 | 44 | SL | 7.1 | 1 | dark brown 10YR 3/3 |
| C | ND | 100 | 0 | 0 | NA | 7.1 | 0 | dark brown 10YR 3/3 |

excessively drained blockslope with isolated (5%) pockets of fines, acidic Sites: 75,98,103

| Horizon | Depth (cm) - Range | Particle Size (%) | | | Texture | pH | Organic Content (%) | Colour |
|---------|-----------------------|-------------------|------|--------------------------|---------|-----|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| | | +2mm | Sand | Fine Sand, Silt, Clay | | | | |
| C | ND | 100 | 0 | 0 | NA | 4.8 | 1 | reddish brown 5YR 4/3 |

C: Clay G:Gravel L:Loam S:Sand Si:Silt VG:Very Gravelly

ND:No Data NA:Not Applicable

were classified as Organic Cryosols.

Dystic Brunisols were most common in this plant community and were typically found beneath *Betula glandulosa*- and *Salix planifolia*- dominated sites. *Salix alaxensis* was the dominant shrub in riparian plant communities with Humic Gleysol the dominant soil (Table 3.1). Understory plants were dominantly fruticose lichens of the genera *Cladonia*, *Cetraria* and *Stereocaulon*. Bare ground generally accounted for less than 15% of the total area and was restricted to fine materials in areas of patterned ground.

Twenty-eight samples were taken in this plant community, including 6 control sites and representatives of all 8 disturbance types (Table 3.2). A number of relationships are apparent. The large difference in moisture content between controls and disturbances probably resulted from the much higher gravel content and lower organic matter content on the disturbances (Table 3.2). The lower moisture content, combined with less organic matter has resulted in disturbances having warmer subsurface temperatures. With the exception of false start roads, rooting depths are shallower on all disturbances. This could be a response to the relatively short period (34–36 years) that roots have had to penetrate the ground. Alternatively, the plant species growing on the disturbances may be more shallow rooted than those on undisturbed terrain.

It is apparent from Table 3.2 that bulldozer tracks and oil spills were most similar to the controls, a result of the limited initial disturbance on these sites. The gravel pit access road had 79% of the mean control organic matter (Table 3.2). However, the actual difference from its associated control was only 6% (Appendix II). The mean amount of substrate fines appears to have been changed little by the disturbances (Table 3.2) but when control-corrected data are presented, the results indicate much more variability (Appendix II). Both analyses indicate that the gravel-dominated disturbances provide dryer, warmer substrates. Even those disturbances that have left the pre-existing soil relatively intact have warmer, drier substrates (Table 3.2; Appendix II).

Initially, all of the disturbances removed the shrub canopy. Even without the addition of gravel or excavation, increased exposure to sunlight would result in greater surface warming and greater advection of these areas with a consequent removal of moisture from the surface. When combined with improved drainage (both surface and

Table 3.2: Substrate characteristics of CANOL disturbances, N.W.T. in Erect Deciduous Shrub Tundra

| Substrate Characteristics | Control in | | Road over | | False Start Road over | | Bladed Trail in | | Camp Yard over | | Bulldozer Track over | | Gravel Pit in | | Gravel Pit Access Road over | | Oil Spill on | |
|--|------------|------|-----------|------|-----------------------|------|-----------------|------|----------------|------|----------------------|------|---------------|------|-----------------------------|-----|--------------|----|
| | SB | HG | SB | HG | SB | HG | SB | HG | SB | HG | SB | HG | SB | HG | SB | HG | SB | HG |
| pH | 4.8 | 7.8 | 5.7 | 7.8 | 5.7 | 7.8 | 4.4 | 7.8 | 4.6 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 6.3 | 7.1 | 7.6 | 6.8 | 4.0 | | |
| Organic Content (%) | 70 | 11 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 8 | 43 | 2 | 14 | 55 | 11 | 75 | | | |
| Moisture Content (%) | 215 | 26 | 10 | 7 | 13 | 10 | 20 | 16 | 80 | 8 | 35 | 9 | 26 | 68 | | | | |
| Gravel Content (%) | 3 | 0 | 75 | 60 | 40 | 52 | 70 | 50 | 0 | 58 | 0 | 90 | 10 | 10 | | | | |
| Coarse to Fine Sand Content (%) | 80 | 56 | 80 | 89 | 63 | 84 | 66 | 72 | 65 | 88 | 37 | 85 | 58 | 67 | | | | |
| Very Fine Sand, Silt Clay Content (%) | 20 | 44 | 20 | 11 | 37 | 11 | 34 | 28 | 35 | 12 | 63 | 15 | 42 | 33 | | | | |
| Temperature at -10 cm (°C) | 9.4 | 13.1 | 14.7 | 16.1 | 13.0 | 13.6 | 15.3 | 12.6 | 10.5 | 16.2 | 14.3 | 13.9 | 13.7 | 11.0 | | | | |
| Maximum Rooting Depth (cm) | 42 | 30 | 18 | 18 | 45 | 25 | 33 | 15 | 27 | 16 | 20 | 17 | 20 | 24 | | | | |
| n | 5 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | | | | |
| SB: 'Sombric Brunisol' HG: 'Humic Gleysol' | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

internal), these factors result in dramatic substrate differences between controls and their associated disturbances (Appendix II) and between the mean values for substrate characteristics on all controls and disturbances in this plant community (Table 3.2).

3.3.2 Decumbent Shrub Tundra

This plant community was most common in the eastern portion of the study area, principally on landforms composed of colluvial and alluvial deposits. Parent materials were generally calcareous (Table 3.1). The nine samples of control soils in this plant community were classified as Humic Regosols due to their poorly developed structure. Organic surface layers were thin and all profiles were very gravelly. These soils were well to excessively drained as a result of their high gravel content and low water retention potential. Soil characteristics varied little from site to site.

Generally these soils occurred within extensive areas of patterned ground in unglaciated terrain. However, no permafrost was encountered and it was concluded that the shallow lithic contact (i.e. within 2 m of the surface) in conjunction with seasonal frost action or the preservation of fossil periglacial features accounted for their presence. Non-sorted steps had risers averaging 15 cm in height with treads between 50 and 160 cm in length. Sorted nets had riser borders averaging 13 cm in height and diameters between 40 and 140 cm. Solifluction lobes were present and often the small scale patterned ground was superimposed on them.

Species of the genera *Dryas*, *Salix* and *Potentilla* were the dominant plants. Total plant cover varied from 60 to 100%. Areas with active needle ice, deflation or seasonal frost churning processes were devoid of plants.

A total of 7 disturbance types were described in this plant community and 35 substrate samples were taken (Table 3.1). The higher pH values on most disturbances (Table 3.3) indicate either that the fill or the material exposed by excavation was composed of more calcareous lithologies and that these surfaces had less of the acidic organic matter. All disturbances, with the exception of oil spills, had less organic matter than was found in control substrates. However, it is noteworthy that over the past 34 to 36 years, disturbances which totally covered or removed the pre-existing soil (i.e. roads, false start roads, gravel pits) have accumulated from 64% to 74% of the amount of

Table 3.3: Substrate characteristics of CANOL disturbances, N.W.T. in Decumbent Shrub Tundra

| Substrate Characteristics | Control Humic Regosol | Road over | False Start Road over | Bladed Trail in | Bulldozer Track on | Gravel Pit in | Gravel Access Road over | Oil Spill on |
|--|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| pH | 6.9 | 8.3 | 7.9 | 7.5 | 6.8 | 7.7 | 7.8 | 7.2 |
| Organic Content (%) | 38 | 15 | 0 | 6 | 8 | 0 | 6 | 68 |
| Moisture Content (%) | 93 | 55 | 12 | 22 | 32 | 19 | 12 | 54 |
| Gravel Content (%) | 18 | 90 | 80 | 70 | 40 | 77 | 72 | 6 |
| Coarse to Fine Sand Content (%) | 47 | 65 | 65 | 63 | 64 | 59 | 51 | 43 |
| Very Fine Sand, Silt, Clay Content (%) | 53 | 35 | 35 | 37 | 36 | 41 | 49 | 56 |
| Temperature at -10cm (°C) | 12.5 | 22.2 | 13.6 | 14.4 | 13.8 | 12.8 | 15.8 | 14.4 |
| Maximum Rooting Depth (cm) | 38 | 46 | 15 | 21 | 33 | 15 | 22 | 23 |
| n | 9 | 10 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 3 | 5 |

organic material found in control areas (Appendix II). The organic matter in undisturbed areas could have accumulated over hundreds or even thousands of years. This relatively rapid rate of organic accumulation may be a result of enhanced production on disturbances or a reduced rate of decomposition. In this environment, where temperature is a biological limiting factor, the warmer substrates of disturbances (Table 3.3) must be a positive factor in plant growth. The shallower rooting depths on disturbances indicate that plants have taken advantage of these warmer substrate conditions. This also suggests that moisture is not a significant limiting factor in this plant community since the organic accumulations produced by the plants on the site have developed despite drier substrate conditions (Table 3.3 and Appendix II). The picture is complicated further by the fact that the drier areas may have reduced rates of decomposition.

3.3.3 Sedge Meadow Tundra

Wetlands were found throughout the study area. However, they were most common in the Mackenzie Mountain Barrens Ecosection. Fens and bogs were sampled and Organic Cryosols and Humic Gleysols were described. The Organic Cryosols had organic layers more than 50 cm thick and a late August thaw layer of 50 to 60 cm. Palsas and peat plateaus were common in these wetlands but generally supported shrubby vegetation.

The Humic Gleysols were peaty and sometimes associated with patterned ground when in till. In these cases, the near surface layers were shock sensitive. However, no permafrost was found at these sites. Non-sorted steps and stripes had raised margins or risers of 20 and 32 cm in height respectively and treadlengths of 200 and 860 cm respectively. Parent materials were generally acidic except at one site on the Plains of Abraham where limestones and dolomites dominated.

Sedges in the genera *Carex* and *Eriophorum* were the dominant plants with underlying mats of *Sphagnum* spp. and *Hylocomnium splendens*. Plant cover on Organic Cryosols was 100% whereas on the Humic Gleysols it was as low as 75%.

Five control and 9 disturbed sites were sampled in sedge meadow tundra, including examples of 5 disturbance types (Table 3.4 and Appendix II). Surface layer thickness on bladed trails and bulldozer tracks was reduced by excavation and

Table 3.4: Substrate characteristics of CANOL disturbances, N.W.T. in Sedge Meadow Tundra

| Substrate Characteristics | Control | | Road over | | Bladed Trail in | | Bulldozer Track on | | Gravel Pit in | | Oil Spill on | |
|---|---------|------|-----------|------|-----------------|--|--------------------|--|---------------|------|--------------|-----|
| | HG | OC | HG | OC | HG | | HG | | HG | OC | HG | |
| pH | 4.2 | 7.6 | 6.6 | 7.4 | 4.4 | | 4.0 | | 6.0 | 8.3 | | 3.8 |
| Organic Content (%) | 56 | 54 | 0 | 4 | 100 | | 100 | | 0 | 6 | | 100 |
| Moisture Content (%) | 230 | 247 | 19 | 14 | 541 | | 261 | | 16 | 56 | | 42 |
| Gravel Content (%) | 1 | 0 | 90 | 80 | 0 | | 0 | | 30 | 40 | | 0 |
| Coarse to Fine Sand Content (%) | 73 | 19 | 82 | 68 | 0 | | 0 | | 80 | 15 | | ? |
| Very Fine Sand, Silt, Clay Content (%) | 27 | 81 | 18 | 32 | 0 | | 0 | | 20 | 85 | | ? |
| Temperature at -10 cm (°C) | 8.9 | 10.1 | 14.3 | 15.5 | 6.9 | | 5.7 | | 12.3 | 13.3 | | 9.5 |
| Maximum Rooting Depth (cm) | 28 | 36 | 20 | 17 | 24 | | 22 | | 15 | 33 | | 0 |
| n | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | 2 |
| HG: 'Humic Gleysoil' OC: 'Organic Cryosol' | | | | | | | | | | | | |

compaction respectively. As a result, these substrates were wetter and cooler than the mean of the controls (Table 3.4) and than their associated controls (Appendix II). The substrate of the gravel pit appears to have recovered dramatically since its excavation 34–36 years ago. Despite the 40% gravel content (Table 3.4), it has accumulated 98% of the organic matter found in its control (Appendix II). Rooting depth is approximately equal to that of the associated control while moisture content and subsurface temperature are higher (Appendix II). These conditions have enhanced organic matter production and a rapid rate of accumulation. The roads have warmer but drier substrates and have accumulated 50% and 65% of the organic matter found in their controls (Appendix II). Considering the short time interval (34–36 years) and the different environment provided by the disturbance this is a rapid rate of accumulation. Lore (1977) has shown that enhanced annual production of standing crop occurs on 50-year-old cart tracks. Thus rates of organic matter accumulations can be greater than those of controls within 50 years of disturbance.

3.3.4 Lichen Heath Tundra

This plant community was found in the Bolstead Creek–Devil's Pass Ecosection on landforms composed of colluvium. It is not a common or extensive plant community in the study area. Gravel contact occurred at approximately 35 cm depth and was composed primarily of granitic material. Consequently, the substrate pH was low (Table 3.1). No permafrost was encountered in this community. The Dystric Brunisol soil type associated with this plant community supported a plant cover of 90% to 100%. Dominant plants included *Cassiope tetragona* and *Vaccinium uliginosum* with the lichen genera *Cladonia* and *Cetraria* forming mats at ground level. In addition, *Polytrichum* spp. were common.

One set of 4 disturbances with their associated control were sampled in Lichen Heath Tundra (Table 3.5). The rise in pH (Table 3.5) resulted from the burying or excavation and removal of the more acidic surface layer and not from pH changes that had occurred over the 34–36 years since the initial disturbance. The large difference in moisture content has resulted from the greater gravel content on disturbances than in the control substrates. These well-drained materials with low moisture retention were

Table 3.5: Substrate characteristics of CANOL disturbances, N.W.T.
in Lichen Heath Tundra

| Substrate Characteristics | Control Dystic Brunisol | Road over | Bladed Trail in | Gravel Pit in | Oil Spill on |
|---|-------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| pH | 4.2 | 5.5 | 4.3 | 5.5 | 4.4 |
| Organic Content (%) | 100 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Moisture Content (%) | 270 | 13 | 10 | 10 | 20 |
| Gravel Content (%) | 0 | 95 | 55 | 85 | 10 |
| Coarse to Fine Sand Content (%) | 0 | 80 | 76 | 83 | 71 |
| Very Fine Sand, Silt, Clay Content (%) | 0 | 20 | 24 | 17 | 29 |
| Temperature at -10 cm (°C) | 7.2 | 15.6 | 13.4 | 14.1 | 13.8 |
| Maximum Rooting Depth (cm) | 38 | 32 | 23 | 16 | 0 |
| n | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

warmer because of the removal of the insulating surface organic layer and the reduced moisture content. The thick lichen carpet which graded gradually into the the organic layer on undisturbed sites was removed and no longer acted as a barrier to ground heat and moisture flux. In this plant community, the organic matter accumulation over the 34–36 years since the initiation of the disturbance was very low (Table 3.5). This may indicate that moisture was a limiting factor in this plant community, with the higher substrate temperatures (twice as high as those of the control) causing periods of drought and subsequent mortality of seedlings and/or adult plants.

3.3.5 Fruticose Lichen Tundra

This type of tundra was found on well drained, gravelly landforms composed of alluvium or colluvium. In the Blue Mountain Ecosection, this plant community was found on colluvial deposits whereas in the Ekwi–Intga–Tsichu River Valleys Ecosection it was commonly on eskers and alluvial fans. Near surface, shock sensitive layers were present in the western portion of the study area in Dystric Brunisols. Gravel layers occurred within 10 cm of the surface in all soils sampled (Table 3.1). Non-sorted nets, circles and steps were common in the Blue Mountain Ecosection and were generally associated with Humic Regosols. Large-scale circles and steps had diameters of 5–10 m. However, no permafrost was encountered and the features appeared to be inactive, with 100% plant cover.

Lichens of the genera *Cladonia* and *Cetraria* were the dominant plants and generally formed over 80% of the normally 100% plant cover. Organic layers retained much of their plant structure and it was difficult to determine where live biomass ended and humus began.

Six disturbances were described in areas of Fruticose Lichen Tundra. Four control and 14 disturbed sites were sampled (Table 3.6). The difference in mean pH may have resulted from the burial or removal of the relatively acidic surface layer of the pre-disturbance soil. Bulldozer tracks, which sustained relatively little disruption of the pre-disturbance surface, have pH values that are equal to or only slightly different from the control means (Table 3.6). Mean values for organic content and moisture content indicate that bulldozer track substrates are most similar to the control soil types in this

Table 3.6: Substrate characteristics of CANOL disturbances, N.W.T. in Fruticose Lichen Tundra

| Substrate Characteristics | Control | | Road over | | False Start Road over | | Bladed Trail in | | Bulldozer Track on | | Gravel Pit in | | Gravel Pit Access Road over | |
|--|---------|-----|--------------|------|-----------------------------|------|-----------------------|-----|--------------------------|-----|---------------------|------|-----------------------------------|------|
| | DB | HR | DB | HR | DB | HR | DB | HR | DB | HR | DB | HR | DB | HR |
| pH | 4.2 | 4.6 | 5.4 | 5.9 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.6 | 5.0 | 4.2 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 5.9 | 5.0 | 5.0 |
| Organic Content (%) | 68 | 55 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Moisture Content (%) | 168 | 180 | 15 | 10 | 7 | 7 | 11 | 11 | 67 | 11 | 8 | 10 | 12 | 12 |
| Gravel Content (%) | 2 | 20 | 90 | 88 | 95 | 95 | 65 | 85 | 0 | 85 | 80 | 78 | 75 | 75 |
| Coarse to Fine Sand Content (%) | 75 | 87 | 64 | 69 | 84 | 84 | 94 | 64 | 0 | 64 | 71 | 62 | 74 | 74 |
| Very Fine Sand, Silt Clay Content (%) | 25 | 13 | 36 | 31 | 16 | 16 | 6 | 36 | 0 | 36 | 29 | 38 | 26 | 26 |
| Temperature at -10 cm (°C) | 7.8 | 7.9 | 13.7 | 13.2 | 13.2 | 13.2 | 15.2 | 7.5 | 8.3 | 7.5 | 13.9 | 11.9 | 13.7 | 13.7 |
| Maximum Rooting Depth (cm) | 32 | 11 | 26 | 23 | 23 | 23 | 17 | 17 | 22 | 17 | 11 | 11 | 13 | 13 |
| n | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |

DB: 'Dystric Brunisol' HR: 'Humic Regosol'

community.

Roads in Fruticose Lichen Tundra have 45% to 67% of the organic matter found in both control soil types (Table 3.6) Where a disturbance affected both soil types in this plant community, the differences in organic and moisture content relative to the controls were greater in Humic Regosols (Appendix II), despite the fact that control soil conditions were similar (Table 3.6). In Dystric Brunisols, subsurface temperatures of disturbances were higher than those of disturbances in Humic Regosols. Bulldozer tracks were an exception (Appendix II) but these disturbances had organic matter and gravel content values that were very similar to those of their controls (Appendix II). Rooting depth in Humic Regosols was greater on all disturbances (with the exception of gravel pits) whereas in Dystric Brunisols the depth of rooting was generally less than that of the controls. It is evident that warmer substrates result from the removal or burial of organic surface layers and the insulating lichen surface covering in addition to the deposition or exposure of coarse, well-drained materials.

3.3.6 Cushion Plant Tundra

This plant community was most common on colluvial deposits in the Plains of Abraham Ecosection. The soils were Regosolic with Humic Regosols under plant cover (Table 3.1). These soils were well to excessively drained and gravelly, often with a shallow lithic contact. This combined with their location in the rainshadow of the Mackenzie Mountains, has produced dry soils. Parent materials were calcareous, composed of limestones and dolomites.

Patterned ground was present in all cases. Sorted and non-sorted nets, circles, steps and stripes were common. However, no permafrost was encountered although the features appeared to be active. Features had raised borders of 10–40 cm in height and were from 45 cm in diameter on small features to 10' m long on stripes.

Plant cover values ranged from 3% to 20%. Dominant plants included *Dryas octopetala*, *D. integrifolia*, *Silene acaulis* and *Salix dodgeana*. These plants formed small patches that retained dead leaves and otherwise accumulated organic matter. The L–F layers were found beneath this portion of the surface only.

Five controls and 10 sites representing 4 types of disturbances were described from Cushion Plant Tundra (Table 3.7). The data indicate that many substrate parameters are very similar on disturbed and control sites. The greatest differences observed were in gravel content and maximum rooting depth (Table 3.7 and Appendix II).

3.3.7 Crustose Lichen Tundra

This plant community is most common in the 5 easternmost Ecosections. Substrates can be divided into groups as either acidic or calcareous. Those of both categories were rocky, being found in blockfields or on block slopes. Calcareous substrates frequently had finer material beneath a surface layer of blocks and/or in isolated islands dispersed throughout. All of these areas were classified as rockland since they did not meet the criteria of Regosols (Table 3.1).

The blockfields were excessively drained and lithic contact was generally within 1 m of the surface. Limestones and dolomites composed the blockfields in the Plains of Abraham Ascent, Plains of Abraham Plateau and Joker Ridge Ecosections but these features were predominantly granitic in the Blue Mountain and Bostead Creek–Devil's Pass Ecosections. If permafrost was present at these sites, it was not ice-rich and it occurred in the bedrock, at depths greater than 1 m.

The presence of 90% to 100% plant cover was interpreted as an indication of surface stability. The dominant species were generally long-lived and slow growing lichens in genera such as *Rhizocarpon* and *Lecanora*. Several species of the Umbilicariaceae were common on siliceous substrates while members of the Lecideaceae were predominant on calcareous materials.

Three types of disturbances were studied in this plant community with a total of 5 samples and 3 controls described (Table 3.8). Moisture content was limited due to a lack of ability to retain water. In the calcareous blockfields this condition was somewhat ameliorated in the localized areas of finer-textured materials (Table 3.8). Most disturbances had more fine-textured materials and therefore had greater moisture storage ability than did their controls (Table 3.8). In the acidic blockfields the surface temperatures were high as a result of their continuous, black lichen cover. Disturbances were lighter in colour, with a higher albedo and therefore had lower surface

Table 3.7: Substrate characteristics of CANOL disturbances, N.W.T.
in Cushion Plant Tundra

| Substrate Characteristics | Control Regosol | Road over | Bladed Trail in | Gravel Pit in | Gravel Pit Access Road over |
|---|--------------------|--------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| pH | 7.8 | 7.6 | 7.8 | 7.4 | 8.0 |
| Organic Content (%) | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Moisture Content (%) | 20 | 12 | 11 | 5 | 23 |
| Gravel Content (%) | 13 | 70 | 75 | 95 | 75 |
| Coarse to Fine Sand Content (%) | 62 | 63 | 38 | 66 | 31 |
| Very Fine Sand, Silt, Clay Content (%) | 38 | 37 | 62 | 34 | 69 |
| Temperature at -10 cm (°C) | 10.3 | 12.4 | 9.4 | 10.6 | 9.2 |
| Maximum Rooting Depth (cm) | 27 | 13 | 26 | 4 | 15 |
| n | 5 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 1 |

Table 3.8: Substrate characteristics of CANOL disturbances, N.W.T. in Crustose Lichen Tundra

| Substrate Characteristics | Control | | | | Road | | Bladed Trail | Gravel Pit | |
|--|---------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------------|------------|-------|
| | Acidic | Basic | Acidic | Basic | Acidic | Basic | | Acidic | Basic |
| pH | 5.1 | 7.1 | 7.6 | 8.1 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 7.7 | | |
| Organic Content (%) | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | | |
| Moisture Content (%) | 0 | 22 | 9 | 11 | 0 | 10 | 10 | | |
| Gravel Content (%) | 100 | 3 | 90 | 95 | 100 | 98 | 90 | | |
| Coarse to Fine Sand Content (%) | 0 | 56 | 74 | 58 | 0 | 77 | 61 | | |
| Very Fine Sand, Silt, Clay Content (%) | 0 | 44 | 26 | 42 | 0 | 23 | 39 | | |
| Surface Temperature (°C) | 20.8 | 11.9 | 13.4 | 11.0 | 12.9 | 10.3 | 11.0 | | |
| Maximum Rooting Depth (cm) | 0 | 26 | 15 | 25 | 0 | 15 | 0 | | |
| n | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | |

temperatures (Table 3.8; Appendix II). These conditions offered a much less harsh environment for vascular plants on disturbances than on controls. The high temperatures and low moisture of control substrates would create water stress conditions for most vascular plants and disturbances would provide a more habitable environment. The fine materials found on disturbances provided a rooting medium for vascular plants that was absent in undisturbed areas. The localized accumulations of fines in calcareous blockfields where vascular plants were established, had rooting depths similar to those found on disturbances (Table 3.8). This observation supports the conclusion that the limitation to vascular plant growth in this community was a lack of suitable rooting medium.

3.3.8 Oil Spill Disturbances

The type and amount of oil residue remaining in the soil varied from one oil spill to the next (Table 3.9). All of the oil spills predated May 1945 and the majority occurred in 1944.

It is impossible, with the loss on ignition technique to determine the amount of naturally occurring organic matter on these disturbances. Oil spills were deposited on the ground surface and the soil structure was little altered by the addition of oil. Surface vegetation and organics usually absorbed the oil and have undergone some consolidation over the past 35 years due to the weight of the oil. In Decumbent Shrub Tundra the surface layer pH was, on average, slightly more acidic than the controls (Table 3.2). Moisture content was less as a result of the sealing of the surface by oil. Little water was able to penetrate the surface to be absorbed at depth. In addition, mineral soil spaces would have been clogged with oil to prevent water infiltration (Bliss and Wein 1973). In organic layers, oil was absorbed by the litter which acted as a sponge. This was also noted by McCown and others (1972).

Much of the oil spill analyses in this section has been based upon the presence or absence of n-alkanes or isoprenoides since these are thought to reflect most accurately the rate of natural degradation. Crude oil has four major components: asphaltenes, saturates, aromatics and the polar N(nitrogen)-, S(sulfur)-, and O(oxygen)- containing molecules. Only the n-alkanes, and to a lesser extent, the isoprenoides of the saturate

Table 3.9: Results of CANOL oil spill residue analysis* (sampled August 1978)

| Characteristic | Site Number | P l a n t C o m m u n i t i e s | | | | | | | | | | | | Sedge Meadow Tundra 105A | Lichen Heath Tundra 104 |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|---------|---------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| | | Erect Deciduous 3 | Shrub Tundra 116 | 118 | 101A | 101B | Decumbent 101C | Shrub Tundra 112A | 112B | 115A | 115B | 0.6 | 22.0 | | |
| Total Plant Cover (%) | 0.9 | 5.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 78.5 | 0.1 | 20.0 | 45.0 | 0.2 | 27.0 | 78.0 | 0.6 | 22.0 | 0.3 | |
| Surface Organic Thickness (cm) | 0-6 | 0-1 | 0-7 | 0-2 | 0-2 | 0-5 | 0-2 | sand | 0-3.5 | 0-8 | 0-3 | 0-6 | 0-3 | 0-1.5 | |
| Residual Oil (%) | 5.6 | 6.9 | 18.6 | 16.0 | 11.6 | 18.3 | 7.1 | and clay | 60-80* | 1.3 | 7.1 | 28.8 | 4.3 | 15.6 | |
| Decomposition | C | C | C | C | I | C | C | | S | C | I | I | I | I | |
| 1st Mineral Layer Thickness (cm) | 6-8 | Volcanic | 7-26 | 2-6 | 2-5 | 5-20 | 2-6 | 12-13 | 3.5-21.5 | 8-10 | 5-10 | 6-8 | 3-6.5 | 0-3 | |
| Residual Oil (%) | 0.6 | Ash | 1.4 | 13.4 | 4.6 | 0.2 | 0.9 | 56.0 | 1.4 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 8.8 | 5.4 | 0.9 | |
| Decomposition | I | | I | C | P | C | ? | S | P | ? | C | ? | I | P# | |
| 2nd Mineral Layer Thickness (cm) | Volcanic | 10-15.5 | 26-38 | | | | | 13-14 | | | | | | 3-5.5 | |
| Residual Oil (%) | Ash | 0.9 | 0.9 | | | | | 11.8 | | | | | | 5.1 | |
| Decomposition | | S | S | | | | | P | | | | | | I | |
| 3rd Mineral Layer Thickness (cm) | 15-20 | | 43-60 | | | | | clay | | | | | | | |
| Residual Oil (%) | 0.1 | | 0.3 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Decomposition | I | | S | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4th Mineral Layer Thickness (cm) | | | | | | | | 20.5-22.5 | | | | | | | |
| Residual Oil (%) | | | | | | | | 1.7 | | | | | | | |
| Decomposition | | | | | | | | I | | | | | | | |
| Date of Spill | 20Oct44 or 16Aug44 | | | 16-17 Feb44 | 16-17 Feb44 | 16-17 Feb44 | 16-17 Feb44 | 16Feb to Aug44 | Aug44 to May45 | 16-17 Feb44 | 16-17 Feb44 | 26Feb44 | 26Feb44 | 26Feb44 | |

* analysis conducted by the Department of Microbiology, University of Alberta, following methods of Westlake and Cook 1980:15-21

this was an organic surface layer, the first sample was from a dead moss polster

• sources include Public Archives Canada; Yukon Territorial Archives; Hemstock 1945; Tom Rimmer personal communication; National Air Photo Library 1944 Photography

'C' complete utilization of n-alkanes; 'I' only Isoprenoides remaining; 'P' partial removal, n-alkane peak still discernible; 'S' selective metabolism of n-alkanes C12 to C19; '?' sample too small for analysis



fraction and the mono-, di-, and tri- ring compounds of the aromatic fractions are considered readily degradable by microorganisms (Westlake and Cook 1980). Unfortunately, which components cause plant damage and how, is not yet understood (Hutchinson et.al. 1976; Mackay et.al. 1979).

On a per cent by weight basis, the amount of oil remaining ranged from 0.1 to 60–80 % (Table 3.9). Spilled oil in Erect Deciduous Shrub Tundra had undergone complete decomposition of n-alkanes at the ground surface but less breakdown had occurred at depth. Spills in Decumbent Shrub Tundra had complete to selective decomposition of n-alkanes, and in one case only, the isoprenoides remained. A decrease in level of degradation was found with increasing depth at several sites. A similar pattern was observed by Everett on the 28 yr old Fish Creek disturbances (Lawson et. al., 1978) and by Mackay and others in their studies of recent spills. In Sedge Meadow Tundra, only the isoprenoides remained. A spill in Lichen Heath Tundra still had isoprenoides at a depth of 5 cm in one surface sample and in another there had been only partial removal of n-alkanes. In the majority of cases, there was a noticeable drop in oil residue decomposition with increasing depth (Table 3.9). Much oil remains in the substrate after 34 years.

A relationship was found between the season of the oil spill and the present day plant cover (Table 3.9). Summer oil spills have maximum plant cover values of 5% whereas two winter spills now have 78 % cover. One implication of this is that some toxic substances may have been weathered out of the oil during the winter, before they could affect plant material capable of photosynthesizing. Wein and Bliss (1973) had the opposite occurring on 1 yr old winter oil spills and they postulated that the snow trapped the volatiles. The oil used in that study was the same crude that was transported by the CANOL Project.

Oil spill sites with the greatest degree of revegetation were found on moist substrates. The wet areas wouldn't have absorbed as much oil initially (Wein and Bliss, 1973). In addition the lower amount of oil in the substrate wouldn't penetrate as deeply as in dry areas (Table 3.9). As a result less of the rooting zone would have been contaminated on wet sites. Similar results have been noted by Walker and others (1978). Site 112 A had 45 % cover but the plants were rooted in 12 cm of sand and clay which

had been deposited over the spill, rather than in oil-soaked material. Where the oil has been buried, successful germination can occur. Otherwise, germination rates would be slow and seedling mortality high (McCown and Deneke 1972). Sites 105 A and 105 B differ in that 105 A is a relatively dry site located on top of a 40 cm high hummock (1.5 m in diameter) whereas 105 B was in the wetter, inter-hummock trough area. Plant cover was much higher on 105 B than on 105 A. Site 115 A is similar to 101 B and 115 B is similar to 101 A. However, the 115 A spill is on a much steeper slope than 101 B (i.e. 21° versus 1°) and has a higher perimeter to area ratio. On long, narrow spills, incoming plant disseminules have less distance to travel and some plants may invade via stolons or rhizomes from parent plants outside of the contaminated spill area. This may have been a factor contributing to the relatively high plant cover values on 115 A in comparison to 101 B.

3.4 Summary and Discussion

On a winter road (most comparable to the bladed trails of this study) that was in use the previous winter and a recent oil spill Haag (1973) determined that organic layers insulated the ground and retarded subsurface moisture loss. These observations were also confirmed by Babb and Bliss (1974) during the first season of track disturbances in the high arctic. In this study the removal of the organic surface layer also produced important differences between controls and several disturbances in all plant communities, with the exception of Cushion Plant and Crustose Lichen Tundra. On road, false start road, bladed trail, gravel pit and gravel pit access road disturbances the loss of organic matter most affected pH, moisture and subsurface temperatures. These characteristics control seed germination and survival success as is reflected by rooting depth and organic matter accumulations (on initially mineral-dominated substrates) 34–36 years after the initial disturbance. Some plant species prefer mineral surfaces for seed beds while others require organic sites. Unless the specific requirements of a given species are met, rates of germination success will be low. In control plant communities where organic matter is lacking or limited in the surface layers (e.g. Cushion Plant Tundra, Crustose Lichen Tundra) and on disturbances where surface layers have remained relatively intact (e.g. some bladed trails, bulldozer tracks) the differences between

controls and disturbances were relatively small.

A number of major points can be made, based upon the foregoing results and discussion. Substrate characteristics are part of a dynamic system and consequently many aspects are interrelated and cannot be considered in isolation. It is difficult to generalize with respect to the ecological consequences of substrate alterations resulting from CANOL disturbances. Ecologically, any substrate alteration can be important. A disturbance can produce conditions beyond the optimum or tolerance levels of many rooted plants or of most disseminals attempting to colonize it. In most cases, the responses of the plant community are determined by the ecological requirements of each species. For example, a disturbance that is wetter than its control may provide preferred habitat for one species while proving intolerable for another. For this reason, discussion in this chapter has been restricted to indicators of plant responses such as organic matter accumulations and rooting depth. Alterations may be sufficient to change conditions from an hostile to a more optimum substrate for plants.

Many surfaces were denuded of plants when they were disturbed. The current accumulations of organic matter on disturbances in several plant communities were a surprisingly high proportion of what was found on the associated controls. Accumulation of organic matter must be accelerating with time unless it has now stabilized. This implies that substrate conditions on some disturbances are not especially limiting to plant production in general. Substrate characteristics vary greatly among the 7 plant communities. For example, in Erect Deciduous Shrub Tundra, warmer subsurface temperatures may be promoting the rapid rate of organic accumulations. This is occurring in a plant community where moisture content of disturbed substrates is only a small fraction of that found in control sites. However, moisture content of disturbed substrates in Crustose Lichen Tundra was higher than that of the controls while subsurface temperatures were lower and organic matter accumulations were small and very similar to those found on control sites. In Crustose Lichen Tundra, moisture content appeared to be the limiting factor controlling organic matter accumulations on disturbances while in Erect Deciduous Shrub Tundra, subsurface temperatures seemed most important.

Several disturbances in all plant communities had substrates with different particle size composition than was found in their controls. The most significant difference was the greater gravel content found on several disturbances. As a result, the sand, silt and clay fraction was often only a small portion of the total volume. The absence of fine fractions, combined with the removal of surface organics on several disturbances increased through flow, decreased internal storage and increased the effectiveness of evaporation. All these conditions have been described for short-term disturbances (Haag and Bliss, 1974). Roads, false start roads, camp yards, gravel pits and gravel pit access roads were generally drier and warmer than controls (Table 3.10). Important exceptions to this occurred in Cushion Plant and Crustose Lichen Tundra where the controls lacked significant organic layers. Despite increased or unchanged gravel content, disturbance substrates here had more fine material and were able to retain more moisture. Consequently subsurface temperatures were generally cooler than in control areas.

Some bladed trails and most bulldozer track disturbances have left the surface organic layer intact and textural composition unchanged. Initial disturbances were minimal and these disturbed substrates were most similar to those of their controls. Exceptions occur where trails and tracks extend down slopes to trap and channel surface runoff. In some cases this resulted in rill erosion along the disturbance. These features became intermittent or even permanent water courses (Figure 1.2).

Another significant exception occurred predominantly in the Ekwi-Intga-Tsichu River Valleys and the Mackenzie Mountain Barrens Ecosections. The slight depression caused by tracks and trails trapped water and increased ground heat flux so that ice-rich permafrost thawed (Figure 1.2). The resulting thermokarst depression often contained standing water and certainly represents a much greater disturbance than that of the original CANOL disruption.

The preceding discussion of disturbances has been organized by plant community. A summary of the general characteristics of disturbed and undisturbed areas is presented in Table 3.10. Each type of disturbance can be placed on a continuum representing the degree of difference from control substrates.

Elevated disturbances generally had thinner snow cover and as a result were colder during the winter. In summer, they were warmer and more freely drained.

Table 3.10: A general summary of the relative differences in substrate characteristics between CANOL disturbances and undisturbed conditions, N.W.T.

| Characteristics ¹ | Road | False Start Road | Bladed Trail | Camp Yard | Bulldozer Track | Gravel Pit | Gravel Pit Access Road | Oil Spill |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|--|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Attitude macro-relief | elevated and terraced 0-3 m | elevated, depressed & terraced 0-2 m | depressed 10-100cm | elevated 10-100 cm | in organics, 2 parallel ruts 5-25 cm deep | depressed 0.5-3 m | elevated and depressed 0.5-1 m | similar to control |
| micro-relief | level 5-10 cm | very irregular 20-100 cm | irregular 10-50 cm | level 0-15 cm | level 0-5 cm | irregular 10-75 cm | level to irregular 10-25 cm | similar to control |
| ditching | none to both sides | generally none | none | randomly located | none | | | |
| Compaction | extreme | slight to none | slight | extreme to none | none to moderate | slight to none | slight to moderate | slight |
| Surface Composition | mineral | mineral-organic | mineral-organic | mineral-organic | similar to control | mineral | mineral | oil saturated organics & tar residue |
| gravel content | high (75-100%) | none to high (0-100%) | none to high (0-75%) | little to high (20-100%) | similar to control | high (80-100%) | little to high (20-100%) | none |
| Predisturbance Soil | buried or removed | intact and patchy or removed | intact and patchy to removed | intact and patchy to removed | intact | removed | buried or removed to discontinuous | Intact |
| Substrate Climate winter | colder, drier | colder-warmer, wetter-drier | warmer, moister-wetter | colder-warmer, moister-drier | warmer, moister | warmer, moister | cooler-warmer, moister-drier | similar to control |
| summer | warmer, drier | warmer, wetter-drier | cooler, moister-wetter | warmer, moister-drier | cooler, moister-wetter | warmer, wetter-drier | warmer, wetter-drier | warmer-hotter, drier |
| Drainage surface | unrestricted runoff | restricted runoff & retarded | collecting area | unrestricted runoff | collecting area | collecting area | unrestricted runoff-collecting area | similar to control |
| internal | freer | unimpeded-freer | unimpeded-freer | freer | similar to control | unimpeded-freer | unimpeded-freer | unimpeded |

Table 3.10 continued

| Characteristics ¹ | Road | False Start Road | Bladed Trail | Camp Yard | Bulldozer Track | Gravel Pit | Gravel Pit Access Road | Oil Spill |
|------------------------------|--|--|--|---|--|---------------------------------|---|--|
| Predisturbance Vegetation | eliminated | some changes-eliminated | partially-completely eliminated | discontinuous | similar to control-some changes | eliminated | partially-completely eliminated | eliminated |
| Timing of Disturbance | all seasons | all seasons | mainly fall & winter | all seasons | thaw season | all seasons | all seasons | all seasons |
| Post 1945 Disturbance | limited re-disturbance during salvage | some sections redisturbed | probably not redisturbed | limited re-disturbance during salvage | no redisturb-ance | no redisturb-ance | no redisturb-ance | some spills created during salvage |
| Other Remarks | road often submerged in areas of thermal erosion | most stretches never used, 1 section used in winter only | may channelize surface runoff & cause rill erosion | permafrost aggradation in the shade of some buildings | most resulted from 1 to few vehicle passes | a few used for road maintenance | often only an accumulation of fill lost from trucks | areas affected vary from few to 200 m ² |

¹ These characteristics are relative to the undisturbed condition.

Depressed disturbances in organics were wetter and cooler in summer whereas mineral-dominated excavations were generally drier and warmer. On the wetter, eastern end of the study area, gravel pits often contained ponded water throughout the summer (Figure 1.2) whereas in the more arid, eastern section these features remained dry. Depressed sites had thicker snow cover in winter and as a result were warmer and moister than controls.

Substrates of different disturbances vary in their degree of compaction (Table 3.10). Compacted substrates act to increase surface runoff and therefore reduce water infiltration. In addition, root penetration is impeded. Consequently, a road offers a more hostile substrate environment for plants than does a false start road.

The season in which the disturbance was initiated has important implications for the degree and result of the initial impact. The CANOL disturbances provide examples from all seasons (Table 3.10). Specific disturbances were caused in only one season and some were not redisturbed during the salvage of the Project (Table 3.10).

3.5 Conclusion

Undisturbed soils in the study area were generally not well developed with thin surface organic layers (except Cryosols) and weakly developed mineral layers. This was the case despite the extreme age of sections of the study area lying within the unglaciated portion of the Mackenzie Mountains. Soils were generally cold and in areas with thick accumulations of organics, permafrost was often present. Regosols, Brunisols, Gleysols, and Cryosols were described from the region.

It is noteworthy that, with the exception of oil spills, there are numerous cases where disturbed substrates have responded positively after 34–36 years. Certainly, differences exist between controls and disturbances. However, it is difficult to equate or compare a substrate that is 34–36 years of age with a soil that is thousands or, in the unglaciated area, even a million years old. Even those substrates on such devastating disturbances as roads and gravel pits have accumulated organic matter and offer warmer substrates to colonizing plants in an environment where temperature is a major ecologically limiting factor. The removal or reduction of organic matter (primarily in the L–H horizon) and the lower fine particle content on many of the disturbances has created

drier conditions that can limit plant recolonization.

A significant point, with respect to CANOL disturbances is that no efforts were made to minimize the initial disturbance. The project proceeded with virtually no pre-planning, was executed without restrictions on construction and operation practices and no rehabilitation programme was instituted following its abandonment (Chapter 2). The substrate environment could certainly have benefited from positive measures in these areas. For example, in gravel pits, wall angles could have been reduced prior to abandonment and stockpiled topsoil then replaced, followed by mulching, fertilizing and seeding. Measures such as these would doubtless have resulted in much greater recovery than has been observed in the absence of rehabilitative efforts. The CANOL disturbances provide good examples of this. For example, false start roads where the pre-disturbance soil was removed had highly irregular surface topography, no drainage ditches, slight compaction and included some organic matter. These disturbances were frequently more similar to controls than were roads, which provided quite different substrates (Table 3.10). It is also likely that attempts to rehabilitate some types of disturbances (e.g. bulldozer tracks) might result in greater disruption than if left to recover naturally.

It is important to note that oil spill disturbances were severe and long-lasting. Data presented above indicate that, without rehabilitative measures, these disturbances will persist relatively unchanged for long period of time. For example, significant revegetation was occurring only on those sites where siltation had buried the toxic oily substrate or where wet or frozen soils had prevented the infiltration of large quantities of oil to depths greater than 8 cm (Table 3.9).

4. PLANT COMMUNITY ALTERATIONS RESULTING FROM CANOL DISTURBANCES

4.1 Introduction

The CANOL Project affected both forested and nonforested regions. Only alpine tundra, the area above timberline, was considered in this study (Figure 1.2). This chapter is concerned with the botanical characteristics of disturbances and comparisons of these sites with undisturbed tundra plant communities. Plant communities represent assemblages of plants that are reliant upon local physical and biological environmental characteristics for their maintenance. Even subtle environmental alterations can produce discernible plant community responses. The establishment of plants on human disturbances is a necessary step in rehabilitation. The biological productivity of these sites can be measured by the amount and health of their plant cover. Plants also provide food and/or cover for resident wildlife.

A number of objectives can be identified which relate to the botanical characteristics of CANOL Project disturbances. In pursuing the overall study objectives (Section 1.3), several more specific goals can be defined in reference to plant communities. One such objective was to determine the state achieved by disturbance plant communities, without human assistance, after 34–36 years. This included descriptions of how the disturbance plant communities differed from adjacent, undisturbed ones and this was evaluated by determining species cover differences, species richness and similarity coefficients. Another major objective was to determine which species were consistently successful at either revegetation of denuded surfaces or colonizing and/or increasing cover in areas of less severe modification. Additionally, it was deemed important to include those species that were significantly reduced in cover on disturbances when compared to controls. The latter group of plants was detrimentally affected by disturbances or poorly adapted to colonization of disturbances. Lists of species displaying significant cover differences from controls were compiled to meet this objective.

A third objective was to determine how disturbances affected the site's plant productivity. This was impossible without detailed, time consuming studies. However, within constraints it can be indirectly evaluated by determining the above-ground

phytomass on disturbances and comparing the result with that of adjacent, undisturbed areas.

Another objective was to determine the rapidity of recovery by woody plants. Ages of shrubs found on disturbances were used to determine the minimum date of colonization. These data provided mean colonization dates and therefore an indication of the time period over which successful recovery had proceeded.

4.2 Methods

4.2.1 Pre-Fieldwork Methods

Detailed aerial photographic interpretation was completed using trimetrogon 1943 (1:34,500 scale), trimetrogon 1944 (1:24,760 scale) and vertical 1974 (1:40,000 and 1:12,000 scale) diapositive, black and white, 230 mm x 230 mm photography. Paper field copies were enlarged from selected portions of these to be used for making notations during the field sampling. Reference was made to additional aerial photography in the National Air Photographic Library and the Public Archives of Canada in Ottawa and through the United States Defense Intelligence Agency, Washington. These collections have various dates and are at a variety of scales.

The choice of areas for field investigation was based mainly on the initial aerial photographic interpretation. Three main considerations governed the choice of study sites.

1. Each site had to be representative of the conditions found in that area.
2. Sites with the largest number of disturbance types were selected in an effort to maximize the amount of information gained.
3. Disturbances had to be a short distance from one another and close to a suitable, undisturbed area that could be used as a control site.

When the literature review and photogrammetric work had been completed, a checklist of items to be investigated during fieldwork was compiled to be carried with the appropriate topographic maps (1:250,000 scale with a 152 m or 500 ft. contour interval), aerial photographic enlargements (1944 images at 1:8,000 scale and 1974 images at 1:3,050 scale plus diazo prints from the 1974 diapositives at 1:40,000 scale),

field books, and standardized sampling forms. The check sheet helped to provide a systematic analysis at each sample point ensuring that resulting data would be comparable between sites.

4.2.2 Field Methods

Fieldwork was conducted from 15 June to 29 August in 1977, from 13 July to 3 October in 1978 and from 23 June to 27 August in 1979. Vascular and non-vascular (bryophytes and lichens) plant specimens were collected at each sample site. Detailed investigations were conducted during the spring, summer and fall seasons with random observations during the winter months regarding such factors as exposure and wildlife utilization.

Most sampling locations were selected prior to fieldwork on the basis of aerial photographic analysis. However, the ground reconnaissance survey completed during the summer of 1977 was also considered when selecting sites for study in 1978 and 1979. Localities encompassing one to eight different types of disturbance within areas of uniform plant community, micro- or meso-topography and soil characteristics were selected. Adjacent, undisturbed plant communities were used as an indicator of site homogeneity prior to disturbance. Actual sites (disturbances and controls) to be sampled were selected as representative of the area following a general survey to determine the extent of local variations in plant communities. Where dramatic changes in plant communities occurred within one disturbance type, samples were taken from each type and treated separately. The distance between sampling sites was kept to a minimum in an effort to reduce potential errors arising from local variations in topography, substrate and plant communities.

Aerial photo enlargements were used in conjunction with detailed field examinations to select control sites. Areas showing evidence of disturbance (e.g. abrupt changes in plant cover or species composition etc.) or appearing to have been influenced by adjacent disturbances were rejected. In addition, controls were selected from sites above the disturbed area. This was relatively straightforward on shrub- or lichen-dominated sites where most disturbances had resulted in plant community structure alterations. On dry substrates with sparse plant cover, it was usually possible to

discern areas where compaction had resulted from vehicular activity.

Five, contiguous, 0.5 x 1 m quadrats were used for sampling vegetation in areas dominated by erect shrub communities. In other communities, 5 contiguous, 0.5 x 0.5 m quadrats were sampled. For each quadrat, plant cover was estimated for each species¹⁰, using a modified Braun–Blanchet cover classification and verbal descriptions of physiognomy, structure and vigour were made. Lichens were the only common epiphytes and were found at all levels on the bark of shrubs. Terrestrial algae and the fruiting bodies of fungi were also noted when present. Non–plant material was classified as mineral, organic or anthropogenic and cover was recorded for each category.

Prior to sampling, the quadrats were photographed in black and white and in colour, showing a range pole in the upper right and a sign identifying the quadrat by number, mile post location, disturbance type, and date of sampling. Two pegs were then marked with blue flagging tape and placed in the lower left and upper right corners of the quadrat. Plants from similar, adjacent areas but not noted in the quadrat were also collected and/or noted as present.

Observations were made in areas that were not sampled in a systematic fashion. These included the collection of rare plants not found in sampled areas and the measuring of unusually tall shrubs. A wide variety of methods was used to collect data in special cases and individual examples will be outlined when related observations are discussed.

Above–ground phytomass (live standing crop) was collected from representative sites. At each site, three 0.17 m² quadrats, each measuring 33.3 cm by 50 cm, were denuded and the total plant material weighed to the nearest gram. Subsamples were then retained for later drying. When samples were large and contained a high proportion of woody material, the herbaceous components (including lichens, mosses and non–woody vascular plants) and woody species were weighed separately and one subsample of each was taken. Samples and subsamples including both woody and herbaceous species were classified as 'undifferentiated'.

¹⁰Due to taxonomic difficulties with many of the non–vascular plant taxa, it was often necessary to refer to plants by genus (e.g. *Cladonia* sp.; *Polytrichum* sp.) or by broader groups (e.g. crustose lichens; moss spp.). Through plant collections, it was later possible to compile relatively complete species lists for each site. However, per cent cover estimates for each taxon could not always be calculated as each of these categories could include several species. Cover by vascular plants was recorded for each species present.

On disturbed sites with shrubs, a root crown was taken for aging. The largest specimen(s) was sampled since that was presumably the oldest and certainly the most robust shrub at that site.

4.2.3 Post-Fieldwork Methods

4.2.3.1 Specimen Treatment

Voucher collections were identified by L.J. Kershaw (vascular plants), C. LaFarge-England (bryophytes) and J. Marsh (lichens). Vascular plant identifications were verified by W.J. Cody and G.A. Mulligan at the Vascular Plant Herbarium, Biosystematics Research Institute, Canada Department of Agriculture (DAO) and by G.W. Argus at the National Herbarium of Canada, National Museums of Canada (CAN). Vascular plant collections were placed in both CAN and DAO and one was retained in the Department of Geography, University of Alberta. Unless otherwise stated, nomenclature follows that of Porsild and Cody (1980) and Argus (1973) for vascular plants; that of Crum, Steere and Anderson (1973), Hale and Culberson (1970) and Steere (1978) for bryophytes; and that of Thomson (1967, 1979) for lichens.

Phytomass subsamples were oven-dried at 70°C for 24 hours and then allowed to cool to room temperature before being weighed to the nearest 0.1 g (Kalra 1971:52). Oven dry weight was expressed as a fraction of the subsample green weight and multiplied by the total sample weight to determine the standing crop in g/m² from each site.

Shrub ages were determined using ring counts on root crowns. Specimens were prepared in one of two ways. Large root crowns were cross-sectioned and fine-sanded before counts were made with the aid of a dissecting microscope. Smaller specimens were sectioned, impregnated with glycerine, thin-sectioned, stained and then viewed using a compound microscope. In all cases, root sections were used.

4.2.3.2 Computer Analysis

Several phases were involved in the analysis of the vegetation data. These included standard arithmetic and statistical treatments of the above-ground phytomass and shrub age data; derivation of species cover means in each stand (Honsaker 1981);

and the application of COMPCLUS (Gauch 1979) to the quadrat data.

The cover values from each of the five contiguous quadrats were averaged for each plant or plant group and these data were then made available for the COMPCLUS program. COMPCLUS is a computer programme which identifies stands on the basis of species composition and cover similarities. The clusters identified represent plant communities. With analysis of control sites, a 'percentage distance' (Gauch 1979) radius of 82.66 was used with no data transformations. The results emphasize the dominant components for each site based upon per cent cover values.

The number of species present at each site and those held in common with the control were noted and the results of this species richness analysis were then subjected to Sorensen's treatment in order to develop an Index of Similarity (Mueller-Dombois and Ellenberg 1974) comparing the plant communities of the disturbances with that of their controls. The following equation was used for these calculations:

$$IS = 2C \times 100 / A+B$$

In this treatment, 'A' represents the total number of species on the disturbance, 'B' the total number of species on the control, and 'C' the number of species common to both. Two identical floras would have a similarity coefficient of 100 whereas a value of 0 would result when the two sites had no species in common.

The mean cover value for each species or plant group at a site was compared with that of its control by subtracting the average cover in the control from the average value recorded in an associated disturbance.

$$CC = [(D_1 - C_1) + (D_2 - C_2) \dots + (D_n - C_n)] / n$$

D_1 is the mean cover of the samples of a species in the 5 quadrats on a disturbance at site one

C_1 is the mean cover of the samples of a species in the 5 quadrats in the adjacent control stand

D and C are the mean cover values for the same species at site 'n'

n is the number of sites sampled

This produced control-corrected (CC) data for all disturbances at each sample location. Mean differences from controls were then compiled by deriving the average of all of the relevant control-corrected values for that species. A positive value indicated an increase

in cover and a negative value reflected a decrease for that species. When a species was not present in a disturbance, it was recorded as 'occurring in controls but not in disturbances'. A species or cover category may be found on both lists if it was missing from a disturbance while present on the associated control in one case but present on the disturbance at another site.

4.3 Results and Discussion

A total of 311 stands (i.e. 1,555 samples) were sampled to determine their botanical characteristics (Table 4.1). One hundred and seventy-two root crowns from 144 sites (63% of the disturbed stands) were examined to establish their age (Table 4.1). Above-ground phytomass was measured at 138 sites (414 quadrats denuded) or 45% of the plant community sampling sites (Table 4.1). In all, 169 lichen, 115 bryophyte and 303 vascular plant taxa were collected – a total of 587 plant taxa (Appendix IV).

4.3.1 Plant Community Alterations

Seven major physiognomically defined plant communities were identified within the study area. Their definition was based primarily on structure and consequently there is often more than one floristically defined plant community in each. For example, areas of Decumbent Shrub Tundra could be dominated by several species including *Salix reticulata*, *S. arctica* and *Dryas integrifolia*. Conversely, plant communities dominated by *Betula glandulosa* could fall within the category of Erect Deciduous Shrub Tundra when plants were robust or within Decumbent Shrub Tundra when adverse conditions resulted in shrubs of reduced size. Each floristic community will be discussed within the structural plant community that best typifies it. This was done to ensure that the detail of species composition would not be obscured by comparisons including the several floristically dissimilar plant communities that have been lumped into one physiognomically defined plant community. These data will be more useful to botanists and biogeographers in this format since it permits comparisons with similar plant communities described from elsewhere. Furthermore, using species composition data, species showing promise for revegetation programmes and those that are especially sensitive to disturbance or poorly adapted to successfully respond to environmental change can be identified.

Table 4.1: Summary of botanical sampling of control sites and CANOL Project disturbances, N.W.T.

| Sample Type | Control | Road | False Start Road | Bladed Trail | Camp Yard | Bull-dozer Track | Gravel Pit | Gravel Access Road | Oil Spill | Total |
|------------------------------|---------|------|------------------|--------------|-----------|------------------|------------|--------------------|-----------|-------|
| # of Quadrats Sampled | 89 | 54 | 7 | 40 | 1 | 19 | 58 | 16 | 27 | 311 |
| # of Root Crowns Sampled | 5 | 51 | 7 | 35 | 1 | 9 | 47 | 11 | 5 | 172 |
| # of Phytomass Samples Taken | 34 | 30 | 3 | 17 | 1 | 10 | 25 | 8 | 10 | 138 |

The COMPCCLUS analysis served to identify 15 plant communities from the 89 control stands. The plant community titles include the plants with the highest mean cover values in that cluster.

Only species with mean disturbance cover values at least 2% greater or less than those recorded on the control sites will be discussed in the following sections. However, some inclusive categories such as miscellaneous lichens and mosses may include species with cover differences of less than 2%. These species and plant groups showed a broad spectrum of alteration ranging from local extinction to introduction into new areas on the disturbance, as a dominant component of the plant community. A list of the cover differences between disturbances and controls for all taxa is presented in Appendix VI.

The many rare plants in the various communities are not discussed on an individual basis. A plant with less than 2% may be rare because it requires special microhabitat characteristics in order to survive or it may have limited reproductive capability. These plants may prove most sensitive to disturbances and as such could be significant indicators of change. However, to use them in this way requires a detailed understanding of the autecology of each species and few such studies exist. However, rare plants are considered when discussing species richness and similarity coefficients at a site and have been included in the species lists showing cover value differences (Appendix VI).

Species richness is equivalent to the number of plant taxa in the control or disturbance stand. When determining species richness even those taxa only occurring once in several samples, were included in the total.

4.3.1.1 Erect Deciduous Shrub Tundra

Erect Deciduous Shrub Tundra includes those plant communities with a shrub layer over 30 cm tall covering at least 50% of the area under plants. In the study area, such communities were dominated by *Salix* species and *Betula glandulosa*. Variation in floristic composition occurred, with a number of distinct, floristically defined plant communities present. These included *Hedysarum alpinum*-Moss, *Salix reticulata*-*Salix lanata*-Moss and *Betula glandulosa*-*Cladonia stellaris*-Moss communities.

These plant communities were abundant in the Joker Ridge and Bolstead Creek-Devil's Pass Ecosections. Detailed descriptions of these ecosections are presented in Section 1.6. Generally, Erect Deciduous Shrub Tundra dominated lower

elevations on imperfectly- to well-drained soils (Section 3.3.1).

Hedysarum alpinum - Moss Community

This plant community can be classified as riparian since it dominates on flood plains where annual flooding occurs. Robust *Salix alaxensis* generally exceed 1.5 m in height and commonly reach 4 m. The understory is dominated by *Hedysarum alpinum*, mosses such as *Campylium stellatum*, *Bryum bimum*, *Distichium inclinatum*, *Drepanocladus sendtneri*, *D. uncinatus*, *Hypnum lindbergii* and *Tomenthypnum nitens* as well as the prostrate *Salix reticulata* (Table 4.2).

Three control stands were sampled and all were located in the Intga River Valley between R.M.P. 194.3 and R.M.P. 200.8 (Figure 1.3). Road, bladed trail, bulldozer track, gravel pit and gravel pit access road disturbances were sampled here.

Hedysarum alpinum had less cover on all disturbances than in controls (Appendix VI, C). *Salix alaxensis*, which commonly comprises a high percentage of the cover on disturbances, had less cover on controls than on all disturbances with the exception of the road (Table 4.3). Moss cover was less on the road, bladed trail and bulldozer tracks but greater on the gravel pit and gravel pit access road sites than in the adjacent undisturbed areas. Species composition differences (Appendix VI, C) and substrate variations among these disturbances have probably caused these differences. This was not the result of variation in any one factor but rather of several different components important at each site.

Similarity coefficients indicate that the road flora is most like that of the control, while the gravel pit plant community was least similar (Table 4.4). Species richness values indicate that the number of species was greater than that of the controls in gravel pits only (Table 4.5).

The overall decline in species richness and low floristic similarity to control plant communities may indicate that environmental conditions were more restrictive for plants on disturbances than in undisturbed areas. Furthermore, the 'new' disturbance environments were not suitable for local

Table 4.2: Average cover values for the undisturbed Hedysarum alpinum-Moss Plant Community (n=3)

| Species | Cover | n | Species | Cover | n | Species | Cover | n |
|----------|-------|---|----------|-------|---|----------|-------|---|
| BET GLAN | 0.01 | 3 | ARN LESS | 0.01 | 3 | AST SIBI | 0.75 | 3 |
| ERI ERIO | 0.01 | 3 | SEN LUGE | 0.01 | 3 | SOL MULT | 0.01 | 3 |
| CAR AURE | 0.01 | 3 | CAR CAPI | 0.09 | 3 | CAR MEMB | 0.01 | 3 |
| CAR SCIR | 0.01 | 3 | ERI CALL | 0.01 | 3 | SHE CANA | 0.04 | 3 |
| EQU ARVE | 0.04 | 3 | EQU VARI | 0.25 | 3 | ARC ALPI | 0.19 | 3 |
| GEN PROP | 0.25 | 3 | AGP VIOL | 0.01 | 3 | ARC LATI | 0.04 | 3 |
| DES CAES | 0.01 | 3 | FES ALTA | 0.01 | 3 | POA ALPN | 0.01 | 3 |
| TRS SPIC | 0.01 | 3 | JUN CAST | 0.01 | 3 | JUN ALBE | 0.01 | 3 |
| HED ALPI | 34.50 | 3 | OXY DEFL | 0.09 | 3 | TOF PUSI | 0.04 | 3 |
| ZYG ELEG | 0.01 | 3 | EPI ANGU | 0.01 | 3 | EPI LATI | 0.01 | 3 |
| POL VIVI | 0.54 | 3 | ANE PARV | 0.19 | 3 | SAL ALAX | 6.07 | 3 |
| SAL LANA | 0.90 | 3 | SAL RETI | 9.51 | 3 | PAR KOTZ | 0.01 | 3 |
| PAR PALU | 0.01 | 3 | PEDIC SP | 0.04 | 3 | FUNGI | 0.29 | 3 |
| BASIDIOM | 0.04 | 3 | HEPATICS | 0.0 | 3 | MOSS SPP | 24.00 | 3 |
| BRY BIMU | 0.0 | 1 | CAM STEL | 0.0 | 1 | DIS INCL | 0.0 | 1 |
| DRE SEND | 0.0 | 1 | DRE UNCI | 0.0 | 1 | HYP LIND | 0.0 | 3 |
| TOM NITE | 0.0 | 3 | | | | | | |

See Appendix VI for full species names

'0.01' species present with extremely low cover in sample quadrats

'0.0' species present with extremely low cover in sampled stands but outside of the sample quadrats

Table 4.3 continued

| | Erect Deciduous Shrub Tundra | | | Decumbent Shrub Tundra | | | Sedge Meadow Tundra | | | Lichen Heath Tundra | Fruti- cose Lichen Tundra | Cushion Plant Tundra | | | Crust- ose Lichen Tundra |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------|-------------|------------------------------|----------|----|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|------|------------|-----------------------------------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| <i>Cetraria laevigata</i> | | | | | | | | | | | -RFBP | | | | |
| <i>C. nivalis</i> | | | -BT | | | | | | | -FP | -RFB | | | | |
| <i>C. tilesii</i> | | | PA | | | | | | | -FP | TPAO | | | | |
| <i>Peltigera aphthosa</i> | | | +C | | | | | | | | +RT | -RTB | | | |
| <i>P. canina</i> | | | +B | | | | | +B | | | | PAO | | | |
| <i>P. polydactyla</i> | | | | | | | | | | | +R | | | | |
| <i>P. pulverulenta</i> | | | | | +T | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>P. rufescens</i> | | +R | +B | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Solarina crocea</i> | | | +A | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Stereocaulon alpinum</i> | | | +R | | | | | +BP | | | | | | | |
| <i>S. pachale</i> | | | -RBT PAO | | | | | -A | | | | | | | |
| <i>S. saxatile</i> | | | +B | | | | | +B | | | | | | | |
| <i>S. tomentosum</i> | | | | | | | | +RBP | | | | | | | |
| <i>Umbilicaria hyperborea</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | -RB |
| <i>U. proboscidea</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | -RB |
| <i>Alectoria ochroleuca</i> | | | | | | | | | | -RB PAO | -RFB TPAO | -BT AO | | | |
| <i>Dactylina beringica</i> | | | | | | | | -PA | | | | | | | |
| <i>Thamnia subuliformis</i> | | | | | | | | | | -FP | | | | | |
| <i>Polyblastia sendtneri</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Thelidium aenovinosum</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | -BP | | |
| Miscellaneous Lichens | +O | +O | | +O | -RBP | | +RBP | | +O | | | +B | | | |
| Crustose Lichens | | +B | | | | | | | +B | | -RB PO | -RF BP | | | |
| Saxicolous Lichens | | | | | | | | | | | -RFB TPA | -RF +BT | -RBP | -RF +BP | |
| Soil Lichens | | +BP | | | | | +BP | +P | +O | +O | +BP +RF BA | +BA | +BP | +P | |
| | | | | | | | | | -RF BP | | | -RFP | -RP | -RP | |
| <u>MOSSES</u> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Aulacomnium palustre</i> | | | -PO | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>A. turgidum</i> | | | -B | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Polytrichum</i> spp. | | +P | | | | | +B | | | | +BPA | | | | +R |
| <i>P. commune</i> | | | -BTPO | | | | | | | | | | | | +P |
| | | | +A | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>P. hyperboreum</i> | | | | | | | | | | | +B | | | | |
| <i>P. juniperinum</i> | | | -BPA | | | | | | | | -F | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | +RP | | | | |
| <i>P. piliferum</i> | | | +BPA | | | | | | | | +R | | | | |
| <i>P. strictum</i> | | | +T | | | | | | | | | | | | +P |
| <i>Sphagnum</i> spp. | | | | | | | -O | | | | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous Mosses | -RBT +PA | -R PO | -RP +BTO | -B | | | -O | -RB TP | | -RBT PAO | | | -BTP | | -P |
| | | | | +R | +R TO | TA | | | | +FT | | +AO | | | +R |

Table 4.3 continued

| | Erect Deciduous Shrub Tundra | | | Decumbent Shrub Tundra | | | Sedge Meadow Tundra | | | Lichen Heath Tundra | Fruti- cose Lichen Tundra | Cushion Plant Tundra | | Crust- ose Lichen Tundra | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------|------------|------------------------------|----|------------|---------------------------|------------|-----|---------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|----|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| <i>Dryas integrifolia</i> | | | | | | -RB PA | | | | -RFB TPAO | | -RB PAO +FT | -RBT PAO | -RP | |
| <i>D. octopetala</i> | +A | | +P | | | | | | +P | | | | | | |
| <i>D. sylvatica</i> | | | | | | | | | | | -FB PA | | | | |
| <i>Geum rossii</i> | | | | | | | | -BPA | | | -FP | +A | | | |
| <i>Potentilla biflora</i> | | | | | | | | | | -RB PAO | | | | | |
| <i>P. fruticosa</i> | | | | | | +R | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Sibbaldia procumbens</i> | | | | | +T | | | +P | | | | | | | |
| <i>Salix alaxensis</i> | -BTP +R | +R BP | +RB | | | | | | +RP | +RF BPA | -A +RP | +RF PA | +RA | +R | |
| <i>S. arbusculoides</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>S. arctica</i> | | | | | +T | | | -T | | -O | | | | | +F |
| <i>S. barrattiana</i> | | | | | | -RB TPO | | | | | -FP | | +T | | |
| <i>S. commutata</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>S. glauca</i> | | +RP | | +R | | | | -RBP | | | +F | | | | |
| <i>S. lanata</i> | | -RB PO | | | | | | +P | | | | | | | |
| <i>S. planifolia</i> | | | -TP +AO | | | | | -RPA +P | | | -A +RB | | | | |
| <i>S. polaris</i> | | | | | | -RT PA | | -PA | | | | | | | |
| <i>S. reticulata</i> | -RB PA +T | -RB PO | -FP | | | | | | | | -A | -BT | | | |
| <i>Saxifraga oppositifolia</i> | | | | +RTP | | | | | +P | | | | | | |
| <i>Pedicularis capitata</i> | | | | | | -B | | | | +A | | | | | |
| <i>P. lanata</i> | | | | | | -BP | | | | | -B | | | | |

'+' : cover values at least 2% higher on the disturbances than in the control plant community

'-' : cover values at least 2% lower on the disturbance than in the control plant community

'R' : road; 'F' : false start road; 'B' : bladed trail; 'C' : camp yard; 'T' : bulldozer track

'P' : gravel pit; 'A' : gravel pit access road; 'O' : oil spill plant communities

Table 4.4: Floristic similarity coefficients comparing control plant communities with those of CANOL Project disturbances, N.W.T.

| Plant Communities | Road | D i s t u r b a n c e T y p e | | | | | | | \bar{x} |
|---|------|---------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------|------------------------------|--------------|-----------|
| | | False Start Road | Bladed Trail | Camp Yard | Bulldozer Track | Gravel Pit | Gravel Pit Access Road | Oil Spill | |
| Erect Deciduous Shrub Tundra | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Hedysarum alpinum</i> - Moss spp. | 58 | | 53 | | 44 | 38 | 54 | | 49 |
| <i>Salix reticulata</i> - <i>Salix lanata</i> | 56 | | 39 | | | 18 | | 30 | 36 |
| <i>Betula glandulosa</i> - <i>Cladonia stellaris</i> - Moss spp. | 33 | | 51 | 30 | 75 | 51 | 44 | 48 | 47 |
| Decumbent Shrub Tundra | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Salix barrattiana</i> - Moss spp. | 23 | | 33 | | 54 | 24 | | 24 | 32 |
| <i>Salix polaris</i> - <i>Dactylina beringica</i> | 23 | | | | 48 | 40 | 28 | | 35 |
| <i>Dryas integrifolia</i> - <i>Carex</i> spp. | 54 | | 46 | | | 61 | 42 | | 51 |
| Sedge Meadow Tundra | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Carex membranacea</i> - <i>Sphagnum</i> spp. | | | | | | | | 19 | 19 |
| Miscellaneous Mosses- <i>Carex</i> spp. | 42 | | 49 | | 74 | 47 | 42 | | 51 |
| <i>Carex</i> spp.- <i>Kobresia</i> <i>simpliciuscula</i> | 33 | | | | | 54 | | | 44 |
| Lichen Heath Tundra | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Dryas integrifolia</i> - <i>Cassiope tetragona</i> | 50 | 47 | 63 | | | 53 | 42 | 52 | 51 |
| Fruticose Lichen Tundra | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Cladonia stellaris</i> - <i>Alectoria ochroleuca</i> | 38 | 52 | 48 | | 39 | 52 | 57 | 22 | 44 |
| Cushion Plant Tundra | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Dryas integrifolia</i> - <i>Cetraria tilesii</i> | 53 | 46 | 66 | | 52 | 58 | 44 | 52 | 53 |
| <i>Dryas integrifolia</i> - <i>Rhizocarpon</i> <i>umbilicatum</i> | 54 | | 58 | | 52 | 50 | 58 | 21 | 49 |
| Saxicolous Lichens- <i>Lecanora epibyrone</i> | 50 | | 54 | | | 55 | | | 53 |
| Crustose Lichen Tundra | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Rhizocarpon inarense</i> - <i>Umbilicaria</i> <i>proboscidea</i> | 06 | 00 | 25 | | | 00 | | | 08 |
| Mean Similarity Coefficient (all communities) | 41 | 36 | 49 | 30 | 55 | 42 | 44 | 34 | 41 |

' \bar{x} ': mean similarity coefficient for all types of disturbances in that community

' \bar{x} ': mean similarity coefficient for all types of disturbances in that community

Table 4.5: Plant species richness of control and CANOL Project disturbance plant communities, N.W.T.

| Plant Communities | D i s t u r b a n c e T y p e | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------|----|------------------|----|--------------|----|-----------|----|-----------------|----|------------|----|------------------------|----|-----------|----|
| | Road | | False Start Road | | Bladed Trail | | Camp Yard | | Bulldozer Track | | Gravel Pit | | Gravel Pit access Road | | Oil Spill | |
| | D C | S | D C | S | D C | S | D C | S | D C | S | D C | S | D C | S | D C | S |
| Erect Deciduous Shrub Tundra | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Hedysarum alpinum</i> - Moss spp. | 6 25 | 21 | | | 21 22 | 24 | | | 15 25 | 16 | 47 24 | 22 | 18 22 | 24 | | |
| <i>Salix reticulata</i> - <i>Salix lanata</i> | 11 6 | 11 | | | 29 6 | 11 | | | | | 23 13 | 4 | | | 20 11 | 6 |
| <i>Betula glandulosa</i> - <i>Cladonia stellaris</i> - Moss spp. | 49 54 | 25 | | | 90 22 | 59 | 33 13 | 10 | 27 13 | 59 | 120 30 | 78 | 28 18 | 18 | 29 33 | 28 |
| Decumbent Shrub Tundra | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Salix barrattiana</i> - Moss spp. | 21 33 | 8 | | | 48 26 | 18 | | | 25 20 | 26 | 58 32 | 14 | | | 19 37 | 9 |
| <i>Salix polaris</i> - <i>Dactylina beringica</i> | 21 27 | 7 | | | | | | | 33 13 | 21 | 22 20 | 14 | 9 27 | 7 | | |
| <i>Dryas integrifolia</i> - <i>Carex</i> spp. | 15 38 | 31 | | | 13 18 | 13 | | | | | 15 32 | 37 | 3 25 | 10 | | |
| Sedge Meadow Tundra | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Carex membranacea</i> - <i>Sphagnum</i> spp. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 4 22 | 3 |
| Miscellaneous Mosses- <i>Carex</i> spp. | 64 61 | 45 | | | 62 29 | 43 | | | 27 30 | 83 | 61 56 | 51 | 19 47 | 24 | | |
| <i>Carex</i> spp.- <i>Kobresia</i> <i>simpliciuscula</i> | 9 20 | 7 | | | | | | | | | 16 11 | 16 | | | | |
| Lichen Heath Tundra | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Dryas integrifolia</i> - <i>Cassiope tetragona</i> | 49 85 | 66 | 25 44 | 31 | 34 54 | 75 | | | | | 37 81 | 67 | 25 52 | 28 | 20 56 | 41 |
| Fruticose Lichen Tundra | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Cladonia stellaris</i> - <i>Alectoria ochroleuca</i> | 95 28 | 38 | 56 36 | 49 | 71 17 | 40 | | | 18 13 | 10 | 62 47 | 59 | 20 15 | 23 | 7 29 | 5 |
| Cushion Plant Tundra | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Dryas integrifolia</i> - <i>Cetraria tilesii</i> | 41 50 | 52 | 19 30 | 21 | 14 35 | 47 | | | 16 32 | 26 | 32 46 | 53 | 19 36 | 22 | 14 33 | 25 |
| <i>Dryas integrifolia</i> - <i>Rhizocarpon</i> <i>umbilicatum</i> | 11 46 | 33 | | | 30 45 | 52 | | | 12 30 | 23 | 31 42 | 37 | 8 17 | 17 | 7 30 | 5 |
| Saxicolous Lichens- <i>Lecanora epibyron</i> | 11 36 | 23 | | | 1 26 | 16 | | | | | 9 28 | 23 | | | | |
| Crustose Lichen Tundra | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Rhizocarpon inarense</i> - <i>Umbilicaria</i> <i>proboscidea</i> | 73 22 | 3 | 39 16 | 0 | 28 13 | 7 | | | | | 30 16 | 0 | | | | |

'D': no. of species found in disturbed plant communities only

'C': no. of species found in control plant communities only

'S': no. of species common to both control and disturbance plant communities

species. Alternatively, 34–36 years may not be a sufficient length of time for natural recovery to establish new plant communities. Further colonization and cover changes may yet occur. However, in comparison with other disturbance plant communities, those studied here have been slow in their recovery. A significant difference between the tall shrub control plant communities and those containing only one synusia reflected the effects of shrub removal. The moderating effects of the shrub canopy were eliminated or at least reduced for a number of years following the initial disturbance. Similar results were noted by Gill (1973) with the removal of tree and shrub canopies in the Mackenzie Delta region. In most cases, the present disturbance shrub canopy still remains open. Local plant species would be well adapted to the protected, shaded environment below a continuous shrub canopy, and as is reflected by the low similarity coefficients, its removal has precluded colonization by these species. Until the closed canopy is replaced (probably by the shrub species currently on the disturbed sites), the disturbances will continue to be substantially different from control plant communities.

Salix reticulata - Salix lanata - Moss Community

This plant community was dominant in seepage areas and sites where soils were moist. *Salix lanata* formed a 1.5 m tall overstory but the ground cover was similar to that of the *Hedysarum alpinum*-Moss plant community (Table 4.6) with some differences in the ranking of dominants.

Three control stands were sampled, all located in the Intga River valley between R.M.P. 200.6 and R.M.P. 203.8 (Figure 1.3). Disturbances included road, bladed trail, gravel pit and oil spill sites.

Salix lanata, *S. reticulata* and *Hedysarum alpinum* had less cover than controls on all disturbance types than in the control plant community (Appendix VI, F and Table 4.3). Cover values for *Salix reticulata* were 57% lower than controls on the roads in this plant community. However, *Salix lanata* was restricted to undisturbed areas. With the exception of oil spill sites, *Salix alaxensis* had greater cover on disturbances than in control stands.

Table 4.6: Average cover values for the undisturbed Salix reticulata-S. lanata Plant Community (n=3)

| Species | Cover | n | Species | Cover | n | Species | Cover | n |
|----------|-------|---|----------|-------|---|----------|-------|---|
| AST SIBI | 0.04 | 3 | CAR MEMB | 0.14 | 3 | CAR SCIR | 0.14 | 3 |
| EQU VARI | 0.75 | 3 | ARC LATI | 0.09 | 3 | HED ALPI | 2.12 | 3 |
| OXY DEFL | 0.09 | 3 | EPI LATI | 0.04 | 3 | POL VIVI | 0.25 | 3 |
| ANE PARV | 0.19 | 3 | POT FRUT | 0.01 | 3 | SAL ALAX | 0.01 | 3 |
| SAL BARR | 0.01 | 3 | SAL LANA | 10.30 | 3 | SAL MYRT | 0.01 | 3 |
| SAL RETI | 58.00 | 3 | PAR KOTZ | 0.04 | 3 | MOSS SPP | 6.95 | 3 |

See Appendix VI for full species names

'0.01' species present with extremely low cover in sample quadrats

'0.0' species present with extremely low cover in sampled stands but outside of the sample quadrats

All disturbance plant communities had greater species richness than did their associated controls (Table 4.5). However, on the basis of similarity coefficients species composition of the road was most similar to that of the controls, while that of the gravel pit was least similar to the undisturbed flora (Table 4.4).

Disturbances must provide radically different environmental conditions when they occur in this community, with the result that they provided habitat for a greater number of species. However, it appears to be unsuitable for local species since the flora on disturbances was very different from that of the controls.

Betula glandulosa - *Cladonia stellaris* - Moss Community

In terms of the entire study area, this plant community occupied one of the greatest areas. It was found throughout the study area but most commonly at lower elevations in the western section. Whereas the other plant communities in Erect Deciduous Shrub Tundra were confined to floodplains and seepage areas, the *Betula*-dominated systems covered large areas in an almost unbroken cover. *Betula glandulosa*-*Cladonia stellaris*-Moss plant communities mantled the areas of till, near-surface bedrock, alluvium and lacustrine deposits. These sites could be imperfectly to well-drained. Shrub stature varied considerably from the extremely dense stands which exceed 2 m in height to those that would most properly be classified as prostrate. Differences in heights are due primarily to exposure and mean snow depth. In the category 'Gramineae species' (Table 4.7), *Deschampsia caespitosa*, *Trisetum spicatum* and *Festuca altaica* had equal cover. The most common moss species included: *Hylocomnium splendens*, *Polytrichum juniperinum*, *P. piliferum* and *P. strictum*.

Fourteen control stands were sampled in the following areas: (1) R.M.P. 187.7 to R.M.P. 189.8, (2) R.M.P. 204.0 to R.M.P. 209.5; and (3) R.M.P. 221.6 to R.M.P. 231.3 (Figure 1.3). All disturbance types, with the exception of false start roads, were sampled in this plant community.

Table 4.7: Average cover values for the undisturbed Betula glandulosa-Cladonia stellaris-Moss Community (n=14)

| Species | Cover | n | Species | Cover | n | Species | Cover | n |
|----------|-------|----|----------|-------|----|----------|-------|----|
| BET GLAN | 16.27 | 11 | MER PANI | 0.25 | 1 | SIL ACAU | 0.01 | 1 |
| STELL SP | 0.01 | 1 | ANT MONO | 0.48 | 2 | ARN ALPI | 0.19 | 1 |
| ART ARCT | 5.30 | 2 | PET FRIG | 0.75 | 2 | SENEC SP | 1.10 | 2 |
| SEN LUGE | 0.01 | 1 | JUN COMM | 0.01 | 1 | CAR BRUN | 0.09 | 3 |
| CAR PODO | 0.14 | 1 | CAR SCIR | 0.14 | 1 | EMP NIGR | 1.21 | 4 |
| EQU ARVE | 1.20 | 2 | ARC ALPI | 4.34 | 1 | ARC UVA- | 2.80 | 1 |
| CAS TETR | 0.01 | 3 | LED GROE | 4.95 | 1 | VAC ULIG | 3.53 | 2 |
| VAC VITI | 0.32 | 12 | GEN GLAU | 0.08 | 2 | | | |
| CAL CANA | 3.51 | 2 | DES CAES | 0.50 | 1 | FES ALTA | 2.12 | 4 |
| LUZ PARV | 0.60 | 2 | HED ALPI | 0.01 | 1 | LYC ALPI | 0.01 | 2 |
| LYC CLAV | 0.01 | 1 | EPI ANGU | 0.60 | 4 | POL ACUT | 0.88 | 3 |
| POL VIVI | 0.01 | 2 | ANE NARC | 0.20 | 2 | ANE PARV | 0.01 | 1 |
| THA ALPI | 0.14 | 1 | DRY INTE | 0.75 | 1 | POT FRUT | 0.01 | 1 |
| RUB ACAU | 0.01 | 4 | RUB CHAM | 0.01 | 1 | SIB PROC | 0.01 | 3 |
| SPI BEAU | 0.01 | 1 | SAL GLAU | 0.01 | 1 | SAL PLAN | 2.88 | 5 |
| SAL RETI | 0.80 | 3 | PEDIC SP | 1.10 | 2 | PED LABR | 0.01 | 1 |
| VAL CAPI | 1.20 | 2 | ALE OCHR | 0.01 | 1 | CET CUCU | 0.31 | 7 |
| CET ISLA | 0.89 | 12 | CET LAEV | 0.25 | 1 | CET NIVA | 2.55 | 9 |
| CET PINA | 0.37 | 12 | CET RICH | 0.36 | 11 | CET SEPI | 1.92 | 1 |
| CLA ARBU | 4.10 | 4 | CLA MITI | 36.32 | 5 | CLA RANG | 4.18 | 11 |
| CLA STEL | 25.82 | 10 | CLA AMAU | 1.10 | 1 | CLA BELL | 0.01 | 3 |
| CLA CARN | 0.01 | 6 | CLA CENO | 0.0 | 1 | CLA COCC | 0.35 | 8 |
| CLA CORN | 0.70 | 4 | CLA CRIS | 0.0 | 5 | CLA DEFO | 0.00 | 7 |
| CLA FIMB | 0.01 | 4 | CLA GONE | 0.08 | 8 | CLA G DI | 0.44 | 3 |
| CLA G GR | 1.21 | 4 | CLA MACA | 0.0 | 2 | CLA MAJO | 0.01 | 1 |
| CLA PLEU | 0.0 | 2 | CLA POCI | 0.70 | 1 | CLA SUBF | 0.01 | 5 |
| CLA SUBU | 0.09 | 4 | CLA UNCI | 0.01 | 3 | CLA VERT | 0.0 | 1 |
| CLAD SPP | 0.30 | 8 | DAC ARCT | 0.01 | 1 | DAC BERI | 0.85 | 1 |
| ICM ERIC | 0.01 | 1 | LEC GRAN | 0.05 | 3 | NEP ARCT | 0.01 | 5 |
| OCH ANDR | 0.14 | 1 | PAR SEPT | 0.19 | 1 | PAR AMBI | 0.23 | 6 |
| PAR HYPE | 0.67 | 4 | PEL APHT | 0.32 | 10 | PEL CANI | 0.02 | 2 |
| PEL PULV | 0.01 | 2 | SOL CROC | 0.04 | 7 | STE ALPI | 0.01 | 1 |
| STE PASC | 2.68 | 10 | UMB HYPE | 0.01 | 1 | UMB PROB | 0.01 | 1 |
| SOIL LIC | 0.65 | 1 | HEPATICS | 0.0 | 3 | MOSS SPP | 8.70 | 10 |
| AUL PALU | 8.02 | 4 | CER PURP | 0.01 | 1 | DICRANUM | 0.01 | 1 |
| DRE UNCI | 0.01 | 1 | HYL SPLE | 0.00 | 3 | PLE SCHR | 0.0 | 6 |
| POL COMM | 10.59 | 8 | POL JUNI | 1.01 | 3 | POL PILI | 0.01 | 2 |
| POL STRI | 0.33 | 7 | | | | | | |

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'0.01' species present with extremely low cover in sample quadrats

'0.0' species present with extremely low cover in sampled stands but outside of the sample quadrats

All of these disturbances had less *Betula glandulosa* cover than was found in control areas (Appendix VI,H). In addition to this, *Cladonia mitis*, *C. rangiferina*, *C. stellaris*, *Cetraria nivalis*, *Stereocaulon paschale* and *Polytrichum commune* all had notably less cover on at least four of the disturbance types sampled (Table 4.3) but none of these species were restricted to undisturbed areas. *Festuca altaica* was the only species with higher cover values on four or more disturbance types than in control stands.

Species richness was lower than that of the control stands on roads, gravel pits and oil spills but greater on bladed trails, bulldozer tracks, camp yards and gravel pit access roads in this community (Table 4.5). Similarity coefficients indicate that the flora of the bulldozer track plant community was most similar to that of the control, while that of the camp yard was least similar (Table 4.4).

The removal of the dominant shrub, *Betula glandulosa*, and the continuous lichen cover opened the area to colonizing species that formed new plant communities on disturbances. These new assemblages of plants had many traits in common with their control stands. However, the dominant species had changed. This created greater environmental diversity in this portion of the study area where large tracts of *Betula glandulosa*-*Cladonia stellaris*-Moss plant communities dominated the landscape. The alterations resulting from the CANOL disturbances provide habitat for species such as *Salix alaxensis* and *S. planifolia* that otherwise have more restricted ranges in this plant community or are found only on natural disturbances.

4.3.1.2 Decumbent Shrub Tundra

In Decumbent Shrub Tundra plant communities, shrub layers were less than 30 cm in height, covering at least 50% of the area under plant cover. In the study area, this type of tundra was dominated by low-growing or prostrate *Salix* and *Dryas* species. Floristically it can be divided into *Salix barrattiana*-Moss, *Salix polaris*-*Dactylina beringica* and *Dryas integrifolia*-*Carex* Species plant communities.

This type of tundra was present in every ecosection. The *Salix barrattiana*-Moss community was common where soil moisture was high along small stream bottoms or in

protected seepage areas at lower elevations. This contrasts sharply with other plant communities which were common at higher elevations and in exposed sites where winter snow cover was thin and discontinuous. In these cases, soils were generally well-drained.

Salix barrattiana- Moss Community

The 20 to 30 cm *Salix barrattiana* shrub canopy was generally dense, over a plant assemblage dominated by broad-leaved forbs and *Salix reticulata* (Table 4.8). Moss species in this plant community (Table 4.4) included: *Tortula norvegica*, *Hypnum lindbergii*, *Brachythecium starkei*, *Bryum pseudotriquetrum*, and *Drepanocladus uncinatus*.

Five control stands were sampled in this plant community between R.M.P. 191.2 and R.M.P. 203.8 in the upper Ekwi River–Caribou Pass–Intga River section of the western study area (Figure 1.3). Road, bladed trail, bulldozer track, gravel pit and oil spill disturbance sites were sampled.

Species richness was greater than that of the controls on all disturbances with the exception of roads and oil spills (Table 4.5). The species composition of the road plant community was most different and that of the bulldozer tracks most similar to that of the controls (Table 4.4). Floristic similarity to control stands was generally low. If the shrub canopy acts to moderate conditions beneath it in a similar fashion to that postulated for the *Salix reticulata*-*Salix lanata* plant community, then this would explain the low similarity coefficients. This seems probable and is supported indirectly by the fact that ground cover species such as *Salix reticulata* are abundant in each plant community. However, conditions vary, as is evidenced by the fact that *Salix reticulata* had greater cover on all disturbances than in the controls while in Erect Deciduous Shrub Tundra it's cover was lower on all but bulldozer tracks (Table 4.3). Perhaps the structurally reduced shrub cover in Decumbent Shrub Tundra provided less shelter than did the taller shrubs, so that ground cover ecotypes in this community were better adapted to the exposed conditions on most disturbances.

Salix barrattiana, *Mertensia paniculata*, *Thalictrum alpinum*,
Arctagrostis latifolia, *Polemonium acutiflorum*, *Aconitum delphinifolium*

Table 4.8: Average cover values for the undisturbed Salix barrattiana-Moss Plant Community (n=5)

| Species | Cover | n | Species | Cover | n | Species | Cover | n |
|----------|-------|---|----------|-------|---|----------|-------|---|
| MER PANI | 7.05 | 4 | MYO ALPE | 0.25 | 4 | CER BEER | 0.09 | 4 |
| STELL SP | 0.01 | 4 | STE LAET | 0.19 | 4 | ART TILE | 0.60 | 4 |
| PET FRIG | 1.87 | 4 | SEN LUGE | 0.14 | 4 | RHO INTE | 0.14 | 4 |
| CAR PRAT | 0.01 | 4 | COMPO SP | 0.90 | 4 | DRA LONG | 0.09 | 4 |
| EUT EDWA | 0.01 | 4 | CAR A AQ | 34.50 | 1 | EQU ARVE | 4.07 | 4 |
| GEN PROP | 0.04 | 4 | ARC LATI | 2.12 | 4 | DES CAES | 1.92 | 4 |
| AST UMBE | 1.05 | 4 | POL ACUT | 7.51 | 4 | POL VIVI | 0.19 | 4 |
| RUM ARCT | 0.75 | 4 | CLA TUBE | 0.01 | 4 | ACO DELP | 2.90 | 4 |
| ANE PARV | 0.64 | 4 | RAN SULP | 0.01 | 5 | THA ALPI | 2.58 | 4 |
| POT FRUT | 0.75 | 1 | SAL BARR | 30.10 | 5 | SAL GLAU | 0.75 | 1 |
| SAL MYRT | 0.01 | 1 | SAL RETI | 2.86 | 5 | CHR TETR | 0.01 | 4 |
| PAR KOTZ | 0.09 | 4 | PED SUDE | 0.01 | 4 | VAL CAPI | 0.01 | 4 |
| VIOLA SP | 1.92 | 4 | CET PINA | 0.04 | 4 | CLA CHLO | 0.14 | 4 |
| PEL APHT | 0.01 | 4 | MOSS SPP | 16.81 | 5 | BRA STAR | 0.0 | 4 |
| BRYACEAE | 0.0 | 3 | BRY PSEU | 0.0 | 5 | CAM STEL | 0.0 | 3 |
| DRE UNCI | 0.0 | 4 | HYP BAMB | 0.0 | 3 | HYP LIND | 0.0 | 4 |
| PHI TOME | 0.0 | 3 | POH CRUD | 0.0 | 3 | TOR NORV | 0.0 | 4 |

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'0.01' species present with extremely low cover in sample quadrats

'0.0' species present with extremely low cover in sampled stands but outside of the sample quadrats

and *Equisetum arvense* had less cover than controls on all of the disturbance types in this community (Appendix VI, E and Table 4.3). Of these, the last three species were restricted to undisturbed sites only and therefore must have been particularly sensitive to disturbance or incapable of colonizing the types of disturbances here. Even after 34–36 years, no one species consistently recolonized disturbed sites, indicating that conditions on disturbances were severely limiting to plant colonization.

The diversity of species in disturbance plant communities has produced low similarity coefficients, indicating that disturbed sites were substantially different from their controls. Disturbances that resulted in the lowering of surfaces have greater species richness than do their controls while elevated roads and oil spills support fewer species (Table 4.5). Roads can be substantially drier as a result of increased runoff and reduced infiltration and the oil seal on the surface of oil spills would also create very dry substrates. Considerable time will probably be required before these conditions change sufficiently to allow these disturbance plant communities to become more similar to those of the controls, if this is indeed possible.

Salix polaris - Dactylina beringica Community

Salix polaris formed almost pure stands in this plant community (Table 4.9). A number of lichens were also present. However, these were much less abundant than the willow.

Two control stands, located on the Mackenzie Mountain Barrens between R.M.P. 213 and R.M.P. 213.5 (Figure 1.3), were sampled with associated road, bulldozer track, gravel pit and gravel pit access road disturbances. *Salix polaris* was the only plant species to have a greater cover on all of the disturbance types than in the controls (Appendix VI, G). No species had greater cover than controls on all site types but *Trisetum spicatum* and miscellaneous moss species were never collected from undisturbed areas and composed a significant portion of the cover on road, bulldozer track and gravel pit access road sites (Table 4.3).

Table 4.9: Average cover values for the undisturbed Salix polaris-Dactylina beringica Plant Community (n=2)

| Species | Cover | n | Species | Cover | n | Species | Cover | n |
|----------|-------|---|----------|-------|---|----------|-------|---|
| MIN BIFL | 0.01 | 2 | ANT MONO | 0.25 | 2 | ART ARCT | 0.25 | 2 |
| PET FRIG | 0.04 | 2 | RHO INTE | 0.01 | 2 | CAR PODO | 0.19 | 2 |
| GEN GLAU | 0.01 | 2 | POA ARCT | 0.85 | 2 | LUZ ARCU | 0.04 | 2 |
| LUZ PARV | 0.04 | 2 | POL ACUT | 0.01 | 2 | ANE NARC | 0.19 | 2 |
| RAN ESCH | 0.01 | 2 | SIB PROC | 0.01 | 2 | SAL POLA | 29.00 | 2 |
| SAL RETI | 0.01 | 2 | PED SUDE | 0.01 | 2 | CET ISLA | 0.25 | 2 |
| CET NIVA | 0.09 | 2 | CET RICH | 0.04 | 2 | CLA MITI | 0.54 | 2 |
| CLA COCC | 0.25 | 2 | CLA ECMO | 0.80 | 2 | CLA GONE | 0.25 | 2 |
| DAC BERI | 0.90 | 2 | NEP ARCT | 0.09 | 2 | NEP EXPA | 0.80 | 2 |
| PEL APHT | 0.54 | 2 | SOL CROC | 0.09 | 2 | STE ALPI | 0.34 | 2 |
| PLE SCHR | 0.0 | 2 | POL COMM | 0.0 | 2 | POL STRI | 0.0 | 2 |
| RHA CANE | 0.0 | 2 | | | | | | |

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'0.01' species present with extremely low cover in sample quadrats

'0.0' species present with extremely low cover in sampled stands but outside of the sample quadrats



Species richness was lower than controls on roads and gravel pit access roads in this plant community but higher on the bulldozer track and gravel pit sites. Similarity coefficients indicate that the species composition of the bulldozer track plant community was most similar to that of the controls while that of the road was most different (Table 4.4). With a decline in species richness (Table 4.5) and low floristic similarity to control stands, it appears that disturbances here have long-term consequences that are biologically undesirable. This indicates that this plant community does not respond well after disturbances. However, it is noteworthy that *Salix polaris* successfully recovered and that this species was also the dominant plant species in control stands.

Dryas integrifolia - Carex Species Community

This plant community had a diversity of species, however, *Dryas integrifolia* formed a carpet under all. There was little moss cover, in response to the general dryness and excessive exposure at these sites. *Carex* species were present and collectively occupied enough area to be classified as subdominants (Table 4.10). The most common sedges were *Carex rupestris*, *C. misandra*, *C. scirpoidea* and *C. membranacea*.

Three control stands were sampled in this plant community. Two of these were located on the Plains of Abraham between R.M.P. 78.9 and R.M.P. 85.3 and one was found in the Intga River valley at R.M.P. 201.5 (Figure 1.3). Road, bladed trail, gravel pit and gravel pit access road disturbances were sampled within this community.

Dryas integrifolia and miscellaneous lichen species had much lower cover values on all disturbance types than in the undisturbed areas (Appendix VI, K and Table 4.3). Several species had notably higher cover on disturbed sites but none of these were common to all disturbances. With removal of the dominant control species and recolonization by fewer species, it is apparent that the disturbance plant community is a simplification of that of the undisturbed area.

Table 4.10: Average Cover Values for the Dryas integrifolia-Carex spp.
Plant Community (n=3)

| Species | Cover | n | Species | Cover | n | Species | Cover | n |
|----------|-------|---|----------|-------|---|----------|-------|---|
| MIN ARCT | 0.19 | 2 | MIN R EL | 0.19 | 1 | MIN ROSS | 0.01 | 1 |
| SIL ACAU | 0.60 | 1 | ANT DENS | 0.01 | 1 | ARN ALPI | 0.01 | 1 |
| CHR INTE | 0.38 | 3 | SEN ATRO | 0.01 | 1 | SEN CYMB | 0.14 | 1 |
| BRA PURP | 0.01 | 1 | DRA CORY | 0.01 | 1 | PAR NUDI | 0.01 | 2 |
| CAREX SP | 15.00 | 1 | CAR ATFU | 0.01 | 1 | CAR CAPI | 0.54 | 1 |
| CAR MEMB | 0.05 | 2 | CAR MICG | 0.01 | 1 | CAR MISA | 1.98 | 2 |
| CAR PODO | 0.70 | 1 | CAR RUPE | 7.00 | 1 | CAR SCIR | 0.70 | 2 |
| ERI ANGU | 0.50 | 1 | KOB SIMP | 2.26 | 2 | SCI CAES | 1.56 | 1 |
| EQU VARI | 0.01 | 1 | ARC ALPI | 3.47 | 2 | CAS TETR | 0.01 | 2 |
| RHO LAPP | 0.34 | 1 | POA SP | 0.04 | 1 | LYCOP SP | 0.54 | 1 |
| JUNCUS | 0.14 | 1 | JUN BIGL | 0.10 | 2 | JUN ALBE | 0.25 | 1 |
| HED ALPI | 0.60 | 1 | PIN VULG | 0.83 | 2 | LLO SERO | 0.01 | 2 |
| TOF PUSI | 0.98 | 2 | ZYG ELEG | 0.75 | 1 | EPI LATI | 0.01 | 1 |
| PAP KEEL | 0.01 | 1 | POL VIVI | 0.11 | 3 | WOO GLAB | 0.01 | 1 |
| AND CHAM | 0.33 | 3 | ANE PARV | 0.64 | 2 | THA ALPI | 0.49 | 3 |
| DRY INTE | 27.67 | 3 | POT FRUT | 3.18 | 2 | SAL ARCT | 0.10 | 2 |
| SAL DODG | 0.16 | 2 | SAL POLA | 0.01 | 1 | SAL A XP | 0.04 | 1 |
| SAL RETI | 0.13 | 2 | PAR FIMB | 0.01 | 1 | SAX AIZO | 1.01 | 2 |
| SAX OPPO | 1.75 | 3 | PED CAPI | 0.80 | 2 | PED LANA | 0.09 | 1 |
| SEL SELA | 0.01 | 1 | | | | CET CUCU | 0.80 | 1 |
| CET TILE | 0.08 | 2 | CLA POCI | 0.01 | 1 | DAC RAMU | 0.0 | 1 |
| THA SUBU | 0.44 | 1 | CRUSTOSE | 0.09 | 1 | SOIL LIC | 1.41 | 1 |
| SAX LICH | 3.00 | 1 | MOSS SPP | 0.58 | 3 | BLE TRIC | 0.0 | 1 |
| CAT NIGR | 0.0 | 1 | DIT FLEX | 0.0 | 1 | HYP BAMB | 0.01 | 2 |
| TOR RURA | 0.0 | 1 | CIN STYG | 0.0 | 1 | | | |

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'0.01' species present with extremely low cover, in sample quadrats

'0.0' species present with extremely low cover in sampled stands but outside of the sample quadrats

Species richness was less on all disturbances in this plant community than in control stands (Table 4.5). The average similarity coefficient was not low. The species composition of the bulldozer tracks was most similar to that of the controls while the gravel pit plant community had the least in common with the undisturbed area (Table 4.4).

4.3.1.3 Sedge Meadow Tundra

Sedge Meadow Tundra was dominated by herbaceous plants, primarily *Carex* and *Eriophorum* species. In areas where soil moisture was excessive as a result of topographic depressions or impeded drainage, this type of tundra was common. The most extensive areas of Sedge Meadow Tundra occurred over tills in the western portion of the study area.

Carex membranacea - Sphagnum Species Community

This wetland was found in the Bolstead Creek–Devil's Pass Ecosection. The oil spill in this plant community affected only the broader area where it extended down a slope into the wetland. Large tussocks and small mounds surrounded by standing water were common. These contained frozen material in late August of 1978 and 1979. *Carex membranacea* and *Eriophorum vaginatum* were the most abundant vascular plants with *Sphagnum* forming a high percentage of the ground cover (Table 4.11).

The areas affected by the oil spill in this palsa fen varied greatly in their responses. Consequently, two stands representing two extremes were sampled: (1) a denuded site and (2) a site with relatively high plant cover. The site with the greater plant cover was located on a raised area and was probably less affected by the oil than the low-lying, drainage areas where the denuded site occurred. Only one area, located west of Devil's Pass at R.M.P. 111.5 (Figure 1.3), was sampled in this plant community (Table 4.11).

Eriophorum vaginatum had much less cover on the oil spills than in the undisturbed areas and *Carex membranacea* and *Andromeda polifolia* were both present in the control sites but absent from the oil spill areas (Appendix VI, A.). *Eriophorum angustifolium* was the only vascular plant with

Table 4.11: Average cover values for the undisturbed Carex membranacea-Sphagnum Plant Community (n=1)

| Species | Cover | n | Species | Cover | n | Species | Cover | n |
|----------|-------|---|----------|-------|---|----------|-------|---|
| BET GLAN | 0.60 | 1 | CAR MEMB | 25.51 | 1 | ERI ANGU | 1.41 | 1 |
| ERI VAGI | 8.90 | 1 | AND POLI | 2.70 | 1 | LED DECU | 0.60 | 1 |
| LED GROE | 0.01 | 1 | VAC ULIG | 0.01 | 1 | VAC VITI | 0.01 | 1 |
| RUB CHAM | 0.01 | 1 | PED LABR | 0.01 | 1 | CET CUCU | 2.25 | 1 |
| CLA ARBU | 0.01 | 1 | CLA RANG | 2.14 | 1 | CLA GONE | 0.04 | 1 |
| CLA SUBU | 0.01 | 1 | CLA UNCI | 0.01 | 1 | ICM ERIC | 0.01 | 1 |
| RHI INAR | 0.01 | 1 | OCH GEMI | 0.01 | 1 | HEPATICS | 0.01 | 1 |
| MOSS SPP | 2.70 | 1 | POLYT SP | 0.14 | 1 | CAL STRA | 0.01 | 1 |
| DITRICHU | 0.01 | 1 | POL COMM | 0.01 | 1 | SPHAGNUM | 22.00 | 1 |

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'0.01' species present with extremely low cover in sample quadrats

'0.0' species present with extremely low cover in sampled stands but outside of the sample quadrats

greater cover on these sites than in the undisturbed areas. This has also been noted by Walker and others (1978) on recent spills in the Prudoe Bay area. *Cetraria cucullata*, *Cladonia rangiferina*, *Sphagnum* species and miscellaneous mosses were all important components of the undisturbed area but were absent from the oil spills. These findings do not agree with those of Hutchinson and Hellebust (1978) where *Polytrichum* spp., *Cetraria* spp. and *Cladonia cornuta* were found to be unaffected or were recolonizing after 3 years. Terrestrial algae (*Nostoc* spp.) were absent from the control site but accounted for approximately 8.5% of the total cover on one spill (Appendix VI, A). The flora contained only 28% as many species as were found on the control site and the species composition of the disturbed and undisturbed sites differed greatly (Table 4.4). Thirty-four years following the initial oil spill, the plant community on the site remains considerably simplified and reduced in cover (Table 4.5).

Miscellaneous Mosses - Carex podocarpa Community

This plant community was dominant on the Mackenzie Mountain Barrens in relatively flat, poorly drained areas. Extensive areas of palsas and peat plateaus were common in this wetland-dominated terrain. However, the plant communities on these features were not always similar to those of the surrounding area.

Carex podocarpa was the dominant vascular plant. However, *Carex aquatilis* was also common (Table 4.12). *Artemisia arctica*, *Anemone narcissifolia*, *Petasites frigida*, *Gentiana glauca*, *Rhodiola integrifolia*, *Polemonium acutiflorum* and other broad-leaved forbs were present in most of the stands that were sampled.

Common mosses in this plant community included: *Aulacomnium palustre*, *Dicranum* sp., *Drepanocladus uncinatus*, *Hylocomnium splendens*, *Pleurozium schreberi*, *Polytrichum commune*, *P. juniperinum*, *P. strictum*, and *Rhacomitrium canescens*. 'Miscellaneous Lichens' included: *Cetraria cucullata*, *C. islandica*, *C. richardsonii*, *Cladonia arbuscula*, *C. cenotea*, *C. ecmocyna*, *C. gracilis dilatata*, *C. gracilis gracilis*, *C. pleurota*, *Dactylina*

Table 4.12: Average cover values for the undisturbed Miscellaneous Mosses-
Carex spp. Plant Community (n=15)

| Species | Cover | n | Species | Cover | n | Species | Cover | n |
|----------|-------|----|----------|-------|----|----------|-------|----|
| BET GLAN | 0.01 | 1 | MYO ALPE | 0.01 | 3 | CER BEER | 0.10 | 3 |
| MIN BIFL | 0.04 | 1 | STELL SP | 0.02 | 3 | ANT MONO | 0.22 | 8 |
| ART ARCT | 1.70 | 10 | PET FRIG | 0.10 | 10 | PET HYPE | 0.40 | 2 |
| SEN ATRO | 0.06 | 4 | SEN LUGE | 0.19 | 1 | SEN TRIA | 0.10 | 3 |
| SEN YUKO | 0.04 | 3 | TAR ALAS | 0.01 | 1 | RHO INTE | 0.74 | 10 |
| DRA LONG | 0.01 | 1 | DRA ALBE | 0.02 | 2 | CAREX SP | 1.64 | 3 |
| CAR A ST | 9.01 | 6 | CAR MICH | 0.01 | 1 | CAR PODO | 6.28 | 12 |
| ERI ANGU | 0.01 | 4 | EMP NIGR | 0.01 | 1 | EQU ARVE | 0.01 | 1 |
| EQU SCIR | 0.01 | 1 | CAS TETR | 1.82 | 6 | KAL P MI | 0.25 | 1 |
| LED GROE | 0.01 | 3 | VAC ULIG | 0.01 | 1 | VAC VITI | 0.75 | 1 |
| COR PAUC | 0.01 | 2 | GEN GLAU | 0.15 | 10 | ARC LATI | 4.76 | 3 |
| DES CAES | 7.28 | 2 | SAL COMM | 2.02 | 3 | FES ALTA | 4.53 | 1 |
| POA PORS | 6.50 | 2 | TRS SPIC | 0.01 | 1 | LUZ ARCU | 0.61 | 8 |
| LUZ PARV | 3.05 | 2 | LLO SERO | 0.01 | 1 | LYC ALPI | 0.02 | 5 |
| LYC SELA | 0.01 | 5 | POL ACUT | 0.33 | 11 | POL VIVI | 0.11 | 7 |
| RUM ARCT | 0.39 | 2 | CLA TUBE | 0.10 | 4 | PYROL SP | 0.01 | 1 |
| ANE NARC | 0.42 | 10 | ANE PARV | 1.52 | 2 | ANE RICH | 0.54 | 2 |
| RAN ESCH | 0.01 | 1 | RAN NIVA | 0.10 | 2 | RAN SULP | 0.40 | 2 |
| GEU ROSS | 4.53 | 2 | RUB ACAU | 0.14 | 2 | SIB PROC | 0.10 | 5 |
| SAL ARCT | 7.46 | 1 | SAL PLAN | 1.98 | 7 | SAL POLA | 1.32 | 12 |
| SAL A XP | 0.01 | 1 | SAL RETI | 0.74 | 5 | CHR TETR | 0.09 | 2 |
| PAR KOTZ | 0.01 | 1 | SAX FOLI | 0.04 | 2 | SAX HIER | 0.32 | 2 |
| SAX PUNC | 0.04 | 1 | LAG STEL | 0.16 | 5 | PEDIC SP | 0.01 | 1 |
| PED SUDE | 0.08 | 8 | VIO EPIP | 0.01 | 2 | TER ALGA | 0.01 | 1 |
| | | | CET CUCU | 0.01 | 1 | CET ISLA | 0.99 | 11 |
| CET LAEV | 0.0 | 1 | CET NIVA | 0.19 | 1 | CET RICH | 0.10 | 9 |
| CLA ARBU | 1.05 | 3 | CLA RANG | 2.44 | 7 | CLA STEL | 10.91 | 1 |
| CLA BELL | 0.0 | 4 | CLA CARN | 0.0 | 2 | CLA CENO | 0.01 | 1 |
| CLA COCC | 0.00 | 12 | CLA CORN | 0.01 | 2 | CLA CRIS | 1.01 | 2 |
| CLA DEFO | 0.0 | 4 | CLA ECMO | 0.58 | 6 | CLA FIMB | 0.01 | 2 |
| CLA GONE | 0.0 | 6 | CLA G DI | 0.01 | 2 | CLA G GR | 0.01 | 4 |
| CLA META | 0.0 | 1 | CLA PLEU | 0.01 | 1 | CLA UNCI | 0.0 | 1 |
| CLAD SPP | 0.37 | 10 | DAC ARCT | 0.11 | 7 | DAC BERI | 1.30 | 3 |
| LEC GRAN | 0.25 | 1 | NEP ARCT | 0.30 | 2 | NEP EXPA | 0.04 | 1 |
| PEL APHT | 0.74 | 8 | PEL MALA | 0.01 | 2 | PEL PULV | 0.75 | 1 |
| SOL CROC | 0.63 | 6 | STE PASC | 0.90 | 6 | STE TOME | 0.09 | 1 |
| UMB HYPE | 0.01 | 1 | LEP NEGL | 1.00 | 1 | HEPATICS | 0.01 | 7 |
| MOSS SPP | 41.70 | 15 | AULAC SP | 0.0 | 2 | AUL PALU | 0.0 | 6 |
| BRACH SP | 0.0 | 2 | BRA ERYT | 0.0 | 1 | BRYUM SP | 0.0 | 3 |
| DICRANUM | 0.0 | 6 | DRE UNCI | 0.0 | 6 | HYL SPLE | 0.0 | 9 |
| PLA ELLI | 0.0 | 1 | PLE SCHR | 0.0 | 5 | POG ALPI | 0.0 | 4 |
| POL COMM | 0.0 | 6 | POL JUNI | 0.0 | 4 | POL STRI | 0.0 | 4 |
| RHA CANE | 0.0 | 6 | SPHAGNUM | 0.0 | 2 | TOMENTHY | 0.0 | 2 |
| TOM NITE | 0.0 | 3 | TOR NORV | 0.0 | 1 | CIN STYG | 0.0 | 1 |
| CYRTOMNI | 0.0 | 2 | PLA CUSP | 0.0 | 2 | RHI PSEU | 0.0 | 2 |

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'0.01' species present with extremely low cover in sample quadrats

'0.0' species present with extremely low cover in sampled stands but outside of the sample quadrats

arctica, *Nephroma arctica*, *Solarina crocea* and *Stereocaulon tomentosum*.

Fifteen stands were sampled in this plant community, all in the western portion of the study area between R.M.P. 212 and R.M.P. 216.5 on the Mackenzie Mountain Barrens (Figure 1.3). Disturbances included road, bladed trail, bulldozer track, gravel pit and gravel pit access road.

When present, the following species consistently had lower cover on the various disturbances than in the controls (Appendix VI, B): *Cassiope tetragona*, *Carex aquatilis* ssp. *stans*, *Festuca altaica*, *Geum rossii*, *Cladonia crispata*, *C. rangiferina*, *C. stellaris*, *Dactylina beringica* and miscellaneous moss species (Table 4.3). Many of these taxa were among the most abundant plants on control sites. Cover was consistently greater for *Trisetum spicatum*, *Epilobium* species, *Stereocaulon alpinum*, *S. saxatile*, and *S. tomentosum*. The species in this latter group were rarely found in undisturbed areas and therefore were much more common in this area as a consequence of the disturbances.

Similarity coefficients showed the species composition of the bulldozer track plant community to be least different from that of the control, while those on the roads and gravel pit access roads were least similar (Table 4.4). Bulldozer tracks and gravel pit access roads had lower species richness while roads, bladed trails and gravel pits had greater numbers of species in comparison to the control sites (Table 4.5). No general statement can be made regarding the recovery of this plant community since responses appear to be very specific to each disturbance type.

Carex spp. - Kobresia simpliciuscula Community

This plant community occupied snow melt and seepage areas only and was never extensive. These low-angled slopes had little micro-topographic variation and plant cover was seldom continuous. During late July and August, following melt of late-lying snow patches, the ground surface was generally dry, except when there was frequent rain. *Carex membranacea* was the most abundant plant while *C. misandra* and *C. podocarpa* had only slightly less cover (Table 4.13). *Kobresia simpliciuscula* and *Eriophorum angustifolium* were



Table 4.13: Average cover values for the Carex spp.-Kobresia simpliciuscula
Plant Community (n=1)

| Species | Cover | n | Species | Cover | n | Species | Cover | n |
|----------|-------|---|----------|-------|---|----------|-------|---|
| MIN ARCT | 0.01 | 1 | MIN R EL | 0.01 | 1 | SEN ATRO | 0.01 | 1 |
| SEN CYMB | 0.01 | 1 | CAR MEMB | 11.52 | 1 | CAR MISA | 9.57 | 1 |
| CAR PODO | 9.11 | 1 | ERI ANGU | 2.02 | 1 | ERI CALL | 0.25 | 1 |
| KOB SIMP | 3.15 | 1 | CAS TETR | 0.01 | 1 | JUN ALBE | 0.54 | 1 |
| PAP RAD | 0.04 | 1 | POL VIVI | 0.04 | 1 | THA ALPI | 0.14 | 1 |
| DRY INTE | 0.34 | 1 | DRY OCTO | 0.14 | 1 | SAL ARCT | 0.09 | 1 |
| SAL RETI | 0.14 | 1 | PED LANA | 0.04 | 1 | TER ALGA | 0.14 | 1 |
| CET NIVA | 0.04 | 1 | CET TILE | 0.01 | 1 | SOL BISP | 0.04 | 1 |
| SOIL LIC | 1.10 | 1 | HEPATICS | 0.09 | 1 | MOSS SPP | 1.92 | 1 |
| CAM STEL | 0.01 | 1 | DIT FLEX | 0.01 | 1 | HYP BAMB | 0.01 | 1 |

See Appendix VI for full species names

'0.01' species present with extremely low cover in sample quadrats

'0.0' species present with extremely low cover in sampled stands but outside of the sample quadrats

also common.

One control site, located at R.M.P. 80.5 on the Plains of Abraham, was sampled in this plant community (Table 4.3). Disturbances include a road and a gravel pit site.

In the gravel pit, cover was notably less than that of the control for *Carex membranacea*, *C. misandra*, *C. podocarpa* and *Eriophorum angustifolium* (Appendix VI, D and Table 4.3). None of these species was found growing on the road. *Salix alaxensis* was absent from the control but had cover values of 8% and 12% on the road and gravel pit sites respectively. Furthermore, this erect shrub layer was not present in control stands.

Species composition on the road was most like that of the control (Table 4.4). Both the road and gravel pit had greater species richness than the control (Table 4.5). This reflected a substantial increase in cover by woody species on the disturbed sites in comparison to the predominantly herbaceous species of the control sites.

With greater species richness and structural complexity enhanced, it appears that these disturbances have produced a diversity of habitats previously not available. These alterations in plant community characteristics are often considered to be ecologically desirable since the more species that are present, the greater the stability of that community. Furthermore, increased structural complexity ensures that a more efficient use of the areas's resources is achieved. As available resources (e.g. radiation, moisture) can be utilized by more than one layer, the production of greater biomass is theoretically possible on sites where several layers occur. Also, animals relying on these plants will have a greater choice when selecting forage and will receive greater shelter and cover from the disturbance communities which contain erect shrubs.

4.3.1.4 Lichen Heath Tundra

Lichen Heath Tundra was dominated by *Dryas integrifolia* and fruticose lichens with an important ericaceous shrub component less than 30 cm in height. This community was found most frequently over tills and colluvium but was also noted covering bedrock

where sufficient moisture was available. It was most common on north-facing slopes at lower elevations in the eastern portion of the study area. The Blue Mountain and Bolstead Creek-Devil's Pass Ecosections contained the most extensive areas of Lichen Heath Tundra, although it was also common in the Macmillan Pass area in the Ekwi-Intga-Tsichu River Valleys Ecosection.

Dryas integrifolia - Cassiope tetragona Community

Dryas integrifolia was the most abundant plant in this type of tundra with a mean cover value of 36%. However, due to the complete plant cover and significant ericaceous shrub and fruticose lichen components, this community was classified as Lichen Heath Tundra. Common ericaceous shrubs included: *Cassiope tetragona*, *Vaccinium uliginosum*, *Rhododendron lapponicum* and *Andromeda polifolia*. Carices were also common. Common lichens included several species of *Cetraria* as well as *Alectoria ochroleuca*. Moss species included: *Tomenthypnum nitens*, *Rhacomitrium lanuginosum*, *Encalypta procera*, *Tortula latifolia* and *Hypnum bambergii*. The saxicolous lichens collected were *Evernia perfragilis*, *Lecanora epibyron* and *Lecidea stigmatia*. The *Dryas integrifolia*-*Cassiope tetragona* plant community supported a larger number of species than did any other plant community.

Ten control stands were sampled in the following areas: (1) R.M.P. 56.8, (2) R.M.P. 79.9 to R.M.P. 83.4 on the Plains of Abraham, (3) R.M.P. 92.8, (4) R.M.P. 106.6 to R.M.P. 110.2 in the Bolstead Creek valley and (5) R.M.P. 212.5 on the Mackenzie Mountain Barrens (Figure 1.3). The only type of disturbance not sampled within this community was the camp yard.

Dryas integrifolia was the only plant species to have notably less cover on the disturbances sampled than on the control sites (Appendix VI, J and Table 4.3). However, several of the dominant control species, including *Alectoria ochroleuca*, *Cassiope tetragona*, *Carex petricosa*, *C. rupestris* and *Potentilla biflora* had notably less cover on five or more disturbance types. The first two species in this group tended to be restricted to undisturbed areas. *Salix alaxensis* was the only species with notably higher cover values on five or more disturbance types than in the control stands.

Species richness was less than that of the controls on all disturbance types in this plant community (Table 4.5). Insufficient data were collected to determine the species richness of the bulldozer track plant community. Similarity coefficients indicate that the bladed trail flora is most similar to that of the undisturbed area while the gravel pit access road plant community differed most from that of the control (Table 4.4).

Generally floristic similarity with control stands was not low. The reduction in species richness and similarity coefficient data show that long-term recovery is proceeding. However, it is difficult to describe the rate of this process since little comparative data are available from other studies. In human terms, 34–36 years is a long time. However, until data on the duration of succession in this environment are available it is difficult to discuss this in a relative sense. If the age of control stand shrubs can be used as an indication (Section 4.3.2), this time span is short and recovery rates should not be considered slow. In addition, the presence of *Salix alaxensis* has increased structural diversity.

4.3.1.5 Fruticose Lichen Tundra

Fruticose Lichen Tundra was similar to Lichen Heath Tundra in many respects. However, it lacked a shrub layer and fruticose lichens were the most abundant plants. Generally this community occupied well-drained areas on alluvium and colluvium. When large scale patterned ground was present, this community generally occupied the site, with lichen encrusted cobbles protruding through the fruticose lichen cover. In protected areas, Fruticose Lichen Tundra was found only on excessively drained sites where coarse-grained deposits predominated. Generally, it was more typical of high, exposed sites in the Blue Mountain, Bolstead Creek–Devil's Pass and Ekwi–Intga–Tsichu River Valleys Ecosections.

Cladonia stellaris - Alectoria ochroleuca Community

This plant community was dominated by several species of fruticose lichens (Table 4.15). The most common of these were *Cladonia stellaris*, *C. rangiferina*, *Alectoria ochroleuca*, *Cetraria cucullata*, *C. nivalis*, and *C.*

Table 4.14: Average cover values for the undisturbed Dryas integrifolia-Cassiope tetragona Plant Community (n=10)

| Species | Cover | n | Species | Cover | n | Species | Cover | n |
|----------|-------|---|----------|-------|---|----------|-------|---|
| BET GLAN | 0.54 | 4 | OTHR VAS | 10.50 | 1 | MEL APET | 0.01 | 2 |
| MIN ARCT | 0.29 | 4 | MIN R EL | 0.14 | 4 | MIN ROSS | 0.26 | 2 |
| SIL ACAU | 1.53 | 8 | ANT DENS | 0.04 | 1 | ARN ALPI | 0.38 | 2 |
| CHR INTE | 0.02 | 4 | SAU ANGU | 0.05 | 3 | SEN ATRO | 0.02 | 2 |
| SEN LUGE | 0.01 | 1 | SEN CYMB | 0.22 | 2 | SOL MULT | 0.01 | 1 |
| BRA PURP | 0.01 | 2 | BRA RICH | 0.34 | 1 | CAR BELL | 0.01 | 1 |
| DRA CORY | 0.01 | 2 | PAR NUDI | 0.02 | 5 | CAR ATFU | 0.38 | 2 |
| CAR CAPI | 0.01 | 1 | CAR GLAC | 1.26 | 1 | CAR MEMB | 0.01 | 3 |
| CAR MISA | 1.09 | 4 | CAR NARD | 1.26 | 1 | CAR PETR | 1.75 | 4 |
| CAR PODO | 14.50 | 1 | CAR RUPE | 8.59 | 5 | CAR SCIR | 3.11 | 8 |
| CAR VAGI | 0.01 | 1 | ERI ANGU | 4.71 | 5 | ERI CALL | 0.25 | 1 |
| KOB MYOS | 0.01 | 1 | KOB SIMP | 0.76 | 5 | EMP NIGR | 0.01 | 1 |
| EQU VARI | 0.94 | 2 | AND POLI | 0.25 | 5 | ARC ALPI | 1.54 | 5 |
| CAS TETR | 9.40 | 9 | LED GROE | 0.01 | 2 | RHO LAPP | 1.00 | 6 |
| VAC ULIG | 2.43 | 6 | GEN PROP | 0.01 | 1 | ARC LATI | 0.14 | 1 |
| ELY INNO | 0.01 | 1 | FES ALTA | 0.01 | 3 | TRS SPIC | 0.01 | 1 |
| JUN BIGL | 0.01 | 2 | JUN ALBE | 0.18 | 3 | LUZ NIVA | 0.30 | 2 |
| LUZ PARV | 0.01 | 1 | TRI MARI | 0.01 | 1 | AST UMBE | 0.01 | 1 |
| HED ALPI | 0.17 | 3 | HED MACK | 1.26 | 2 | OXYTR SP | 0.13 | 3 |
| OXY JORD | 0.01 | 1 | OXY NIGR | 0.09 | 2 | OXY SHEL | 0.01 | 1 |
| PIN VULG | 0.01 | 4 | LLO SERO | 0.01 | 1 | TOF PUSI | 0.34 | 8 |
| LYC SELA | 0.01 | 1 | BOT LUNA | 0.01 | 1 | PAP KEEL | 0.02 | 4 |
| PIC GLAU | 0.01 | 2 | ARM MARI | 0.01 | 1 | POL BIST | 0.47 | 2 |
| POL VIVI | 0.47 | 8 | WOO GLAB | 0.01 | 1 | AND CHAM | 0.33 | 6 |
| PYR ASAR | 0.01 | 5 | PYR SECU | 0.01 | 1 | ANE PARV | 0.12 | 6 |
| THA ALPI | 0.33 | 9 | DRY INTE | 36.50 | 9 | DRY OCTO | 16.43 | 2 |
| POT BIFL | 4.53 | 5 | POT FRUT | 0.01 | 4 | SAL ALAX | 0.01 | 3 |
| SAL ARCT | 1.63 | 3 | SAL DODG | 0.31 | 3 | SAL POLA | 0.01 | 2 |
| SAL A XP | 0.01 | 2 | SAL RETI | 1.25 | 8 | SAX AIZO | 0.01 | 3 |
| SAX HIRC | 0.01 | 2 | SAX OPPO | 0.98 | 7 | PED CAPI | 1.32 | 6 |
| PED LANA | 0.05 | 6 | PED ARCT | 0.04 | 1 | PED SUDE | 0.04 | 5 |
| | | | ALE OCHR | 3.20 | 7 | ASA CHRY | 0.65 | 3 |
| CET CUCU | 3.47 | 8 | CET DELI | 0.68 | 2 | CET ERIC | 1.21 | 3 |
| CET ISLA | 2.21 | 6 | CET LAEV | 0.50 | 1 | CET NIVA | 2.41 | 9 |
| CET PINA | 0.01 | 2 | CET RICH | 0.36 | 4 | CET TILE | 1.91 | 9 |
| CLA ARBU | 0.78 | 6 | CLA RANG | 0.80 | 1 | CLA STEL | 0.65 | 2 |
| CLADO SP | 0.01 | 1 | CLA ACUM | 0.01 | 1 | CLA CHLO | 0.0 | 1 |
| CLA G GR | 0.10 | 2 | CLA MAJO | 0.0 | 1 | CLA PHYL | 0.0 | 1 |
| CLA POCI | 0.23 | 6 | CLA PYXI | 0.13 | 2 | CLA UNCI | 0.34 | 1 |
| CLAD SPP | 0.34 | 1 | COR ACUL | 0.01 | 1 | COR DIVE | 0.01 | 1 |
| DAC ARCT | 0.76 | 7 | DAC BERI | 0.44 | 1 | DAC RAMU | 0.12 | 4 |
| LEC EPIB | 0.50 | 4 | LEC URCE | 1.53 | 3 | OCH ULIG | 1.92 | 2 |
| PEL APHT | 0.01 | 1 | PEL CANI | 0.01 | 2 | PER DACT | 0.29 | 1 |
| POL SEND | 1.46 | 1 | SOL BISP | 0.05 | 8 | THA SUBU | 1.55 | 8 |
| THA VERM | 0.01 | 1 | CRUSTOSE | 9.69 | 1 | SOIL LIC | 2.68 | 7 |
| SAX LICH | 6.60 | 4 | RIN ROSI | 0.80 | 1 | VER MURA | 0.0 | 2 |
| LEC STIG | 0.07 | 4 | POL INTE | 0.0 | 1 | OCH INAE | 0.01 | 1 |

Table 4.14 continued

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|----------|------|---|----------|------|----|----------|------|---|
| HEPATICS | 0.01 | 3 | MOSS SPP | 5.32 | 10 | AUL ACUM | 0.0 | 1 |
| ENCALYPT | 0.0 | 1 | CAM STEL | 0.0 | 1 | CER PURP | 0.0 | 1 |
| CIR CIRR | 0.01 | 1 | CRY Hyme | 0.01 | 2 | DICRANUM | 0.0 | 1 |
| DITRICH | 0.0 | 1 | DIT FLEX | 0.00 | 4 | DREPANOC | 0.01 | 1 |
| DRE REVO | 0.01 | 1 | HYL SPLE | 0.01 | 4 | HYPNUM | 0.01 | 2 |
| HYP BAMB | 0.01 | 9 | HYP CUPR | 0.0 | 1 | HYP PROC | 0.01 | 1 |
| HYP REVO | 0.0 | 1 | MYU JUL | 0.01 | 1 | ORT CRY | 0.01 | 1 |
| POL STRI | 0.0 | 1 | RHA LANU | 0.01 | 4 | RHY RUGO | 0.01 | 4 |
| TOM NITE | 0.01 | 6 | TOR ARCT | 0.01 | 2 | TOR FRAG | 0.01 | 2 |
| TOR TORT | 0.0 | 2 | SCHISTID | 0.0 | 1 | ENC PROC | 0.01 | 1 |
| ENC ALPI | 0.0 | 1 | TOR LATI | 0.01 | 1 | FIS OSMU | 0.01 | 2 |

See Appendix VI for full species names

'0.01' species present with extremely low cover in sample quadrats

'0.0' species present with extremely low cover in sampled stands but outside of the sample quadrats



Table 4.15: Average cover values for the undisturbed Cladonia stellaris-Alectoria ochroleuca Plant Community (n=8)

| Species | Cover | n | Species | Cover | n | Species | Cover | n |
|----------|-------|---|----------|-------|---|----------|-------|---|
| BET GLAN | 4.79 | 8 | LIN BORE | 0.01 | 1 | MIN ARCT | 0.01 | 2 |
| SIL ACAU | 0.60 | 3 | STELL SP | 0.01 | 1 | STE LAET | 0.50 | 1 |
| ANT MONO | 0.19 | 1 | ARN LOUI | 0.01 | 2 | ART ARCT | 0.75 | 5 |
| SOL MULT | 0.75 | 1 | CAR MICH | 0.49 | 8 | CAR PODO | 0.59 | 1 |
| CAR SCIR | 1.51 | 1 | CAR VAGI | 0.14 | 1 | EMP NIGR | 0.01 | 3 |
| EQU SCIR | 0.19 | 1 | ARC ALPI | 0.81 | 8 | CAS TETR | 5.68 | 6 |
| LED DECU | 0.25 | 7 | RHO LAPP | 0.08 | 4 | VAC ULIG | 0.72 | 8 |
| VAC VITI | 0.77 | 8 | GEN GLAU | 0.01 | 1 | CAL LAPP | 0.01 | 2 |
| FES ALTA | 4.54 | 1 | HIE ALPI | 2.58 | 4 | LUZ CONF | 0.01 | 4 |
| LUZ SPIC | 0.09 | 1 | HED ALPI | 0.01 | 1 | TOF COCC | 0.14 | 2 |
| ZYG ELEG | 0.01 | 1 | LYC SELA | 0.03 | 5 | EPI LATI | 0.01 | 1 |
| PAP KEEL | 0.01 | 1 | PIC GLAU | 0.01 | 1 | POL ACUT | 0.01 | 1 |
| OXY DIGY | 0.34 | 1 | POL VIVI | 0.03 | 3 | ANE PARV | 0.01 | 1 |
| THA ALPI | 0.01 | 2 | DRY OCTO | 5.78 | 4 | DRY SYLV | 4.25 | 1 |
| POT ELEG | 0.01 | 2 | POT FRUT | 0.01 | 1 | SAL ALAX | 0.01 | 1 |
| SAL BARR | 4.09 | 1 | SAL LANA | 0.01 | 2 | SAL PLAN | 4.70 | 2 |
| SAL RETI | 4.50 | 1 | PAR KOTZ | 0.01 | 1 | SAX HIER | 0.01 | 1 |
| PED CAPI | 0.05 | 3 | PED LABR | 0.01 | 2 | PED SUDE | 0.19 | 1 |
| AGY RIGI | 0.27 | 7 | ALE OCHR | 10.84 | 7 | ASA CHRY | 1.48 | 4 |
| CET CUCU | 2.55 | 8 | CET ISLA | 5.84 | 6 | CET LAEV | 12.50 | 2 |
| CET NIVA | 5.90 | 8 | CET RICH | 0.63 | 3 | CLA ARBU | 0.32 | 4 |
| CLA MITI | 9.51 | 1 | CLA RANG | 2.64 | 7 | CLA STEL | 21.61 | 8 |
| CLA AMAU | 0.43 | 3 | CLA CARN | 0.01 | 3 | CLA CHLO | 0.0 | 3 |
| CLA COCC | 0.40 | 6 | CLA GONE | 0.01 | 2 | CLA G DI | 3.41 | 1 |
| CLA G GR | 0.61 | 8 | CLA META | 0.0 | 2 | CLA PHYL | 0.0 | 1 |
| CLA POCI | 0.0 | 4 | CLA SUBU | 0.01 | 1 | CLA UNCI | 0.40 | 3 |
| CLAD SPP | 0.75 | 5 | COR DIVE | 0.01 | 2 | DAC ARCT | 0.20 | 7 |
| DAC BERI | 0.95 | 1 | PAR SEPA | 0.19 | 2 | PAR HYPE | 0.01 | 1 |
| PEL APHT | 1.21 | 1 | SPH GLOB | 0.80 | 2 | STE ALPI | 0.01 | 1 |
| THA VERM | 0.27 | 4 | UMB HYPE | 0.36 | 4 | UMB H RA | 0.75 | 1 |
| UMB PROB | 0.89 | 3 | CRUSTOSE | 8.95 | 2 | SOIL LIC | 0.65 | 1 |
| SAX LICH | 3.46 | 6 | RHIZO SP | 4.23 | 5 | RHI RIPA | 1.36 | 2 |
| RHI EUPE | 1.36 | 2 | RHI INAR | 0.01 | 3 | RHI GEOG | 0.0 | 1 |
| LEC DEMI | 0.65 | 2 | BUE PAPI | 0.0 | 1 | OCH GEMI | 0.01 | 2 |
| HEPATICS | 0.10 | 8 | MOSS SPP | 0.54 | 8 | AUL TURG | 0.01 | 4 |
| CON TETR | 0.0 | 2 | DICRANUM | 0.0 | 2 | DIC ELON | 0.01 | 2 |
| HYL SPLE | 0.0 | 1 | POL JUNI | 2.29 | 1 | PTI CRIS | 0.01 | 2 |
| RHA LANU | 0.01 | 5 | | | | | | |

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'0.01' species present with extremely low cover in sample quadrats

'0.0' species present with extremely low cover in sampled stands but outside of the sample quadrats

islandica. Several vascular plant species such as *Betula glandulosa* (in a prostrate form), *Carex microchaeta* and *Cassiope tetragona* were also noted frequently. The saxicolous lichens on the cobbles included: *Umbilicaria proboscidea*, *U. hyperborea*, *Omphalodiscus virginis*, *O. decussatus* and *O. krascheninnikovii*.

Eight control stands were sampled. Some were located in the Blue Mountain area between R.M.P. 61.9 and R.M.P. 63.5 while others were sampled in the Bolstead Creek area west of Devil's Pass (i.e. R.M.P. 110 to R.M.P. 111.5) (Figure 1.3). A camp yard was the only type of disturbance not sampled in this plant community.

Cladonia stellaris, *Cetraria nivalis*, *Alectoria ochroleuca* and miscellaneous moss species cover on all disturbances was less than that of the controls (Appendix VI, I). *Cladonia rangiferina*, *Rhizocarpon* species, *Cetraria cucullata*, *C. islandica*, *C. laevigata*, *Cassiope tetragona* and *Dryas octopetala* cover was less on four types of disturbances (Table 4.3). All of these species were found frequently on both disturbed and undisturbed sites. *Betula glandulosa* had greater cover on bladed trails and bulldozer tracks but had markedly less than the controls on all other disturbances. The species with higher cover values than those recorded from the control stands varied from one site to the next.

This lichen-dominated community contained disturbances on which vascular plants dominated. These disturbances, with the exception of oil spills, provided habitats capable of supporting a larger number of species than were found in the undisturbed areas (Table 4.5). However, similarity coefficients were lower than those of several other plant communities. The flora of the gravel pit access road most closely resembled that of the undisturbed stands while that of the oil spills had the least similarity (Table 4.4).

Vascular plants have been most successful at colonizing the newly available substrates on several disturbances, despite the fact that lichens dominate in many control stands. After 34–36 years it is difficult to determine if sufficient time has elapsed for lichens to reestablish their dominance or if

the environmental alterations favour the growth of vascular plants. It seems probable that the length of time is most important since many of the common control stand species were present but had little cover on disturbances (Appendix VI, I) Nevertheless, disturbances have promoted diversity in species composition and in structural characteristics.

4.3.1.6 Cushion Plant Tundra

Cushion Plant Tundra was characterized by small patches of vegetation, usually from 30 to 70 cm in diameter, on sites where often more than 50% of the surface area was bare ground. These 'islands' of vegetation were dominated by cushion-forming shrubs such as *Dryas* species and *Silene acaulis*. Cushion Plant Tundra commonly occurred in areas of patterned ground in the following ecosections: Joker Ridge, Blue Mountain, Plains of Abraham Plateau and Bolstead Creek–Devil's Pass. This portion of the study area lies within the unglaciated section of the Mackenzie Mountains.

Cushion Plant Tundra was found most commonly at higher elevations on exposed sites where winter snow cover was thin and discontinuous. It included three distinct plant communities: *Dryas integrifolia*-*Cetraria tilesii*, *Dryas integrifolia*-*Rhizocarpon umbilicatum* and Saxicolous Lichens-*Lecanora epibyron*.

Dryas integrifolia - *Cetraria tilesii* Community

This plant community occurred on well- to excessively-drained sites in exposed areas on Joker Ridge, Blue Mountain and the Plains of Abraham. Plants were frequently observed without snow cover during the winter or were among the first sites exposed in the spring. The cushion growth form is an adaptation to these conditions (Savile, 1972) and species such as *Dryas integrifolia*, *Silene acaulis* and *Saxifraga oppositifolia* were frequently found in these areas (Table 4.16). Other species such as *Carex petricosa*, *C. rupestris* and *C. scirpoidea* were found within the *Dryas* mats and cushions. There was also a diverse lichen flora including such species as *Alectoria ochroleuca*, *Cetraria tilesii*, *C. cucullata* and *Thamnolia subuliformis*. Soil lichens included *Cladonia pyxidata*, *C. pocillum*, *Pertusaria dactylina*, *Lecanora epibyron* and *Ochrolecha androgyna*. *Toninia lobulata* and *Asahinea*

Table 4.16: Average Cover Values for the undisturbed Dryas integrifolia-Cetraria tilesii Plant Community (n=7)

| Species | Cover | n | Species | Cover | n | Species | Cover | n |
|----------|-------|---|----------|-------|---|----------|-------|---|
| BET GLAN | 2.06 | 4 | MEL APET | 0.01 | 1 | MIN ARCT | 0.21 | 4 |
| MIN R EL | 0.08 | 3 | MIN ROSS | 0.19 | 1 | SIL ACAU | 1.83 | 5 |
| STE LAET | 0.01 | 1 | ANT DENS | 0.21 | 4 | ANT EKMA | 0.04 | 1 |
| ARN ALPI | 0.01 | 1 | CHR INTE | 0.01 | 5 | SEN ATRO | 0.01 | 1 |
| SEN CYMB | 0.06 | 3 | BRA PURP | 0.01 | 3 | BRA RICH | 0.01 | 1 |
| DRA CORY | 0.04 | 1 | LES ARCT | 0.01 | 2 | PAR NUDI | 0.05 | 4 |
| CAREX SP | 0.25 | 1 | CAR ATFU | 0.01 | 2 | CAR GLAC | 2.85 | 1 |
| CAR MISA | 0.01 | 1 | CAR PETR | 3.15 | 7 | CAR RUPE | 2.03 | 7 |
| CAR SCIR | 1.98 | 7 | KOB SIMP | 0.01 | 2 | SCI CAES | 0.01 | 1 |
| EQU VARI | 0.19 | 1 | AND POLI | 0.08 | 4 | ARC ALPI | 0.11 | 6 |
| CAS TETR | 0.80 | 5 | RHO LAPP | 1.14 | 5 | VAC ULIG | 0.01 | 2 |
| GEN PROP | 0.01 | 2 | ELY INNO | 0.15 | 2 | AST UMBE | 0.01 | 1 |
| HED ALPI | 0.27 | 3 | HED MACK | 0.16 | 5 | OXY JORD | 0.07 | 4 |
| PIN VULG | 0.10 | 4 | LLO SERO | 0.09 | 1 | TOF COCC | 0.05 | 5 |
| TOF PUSI | 0.07 | 6 | ZYG ELEG | 0.01 | 1 | PAP KEEL | 0.04 | 1 |
| POL VIVI | 0.12 | 6 | WOO GLAB | 0.01 | 2 | AND CHAM | 0.46 | 7 |
| ANE PARV | 0.01 | 2 | THA ALPI | 0.27 | 7 | DRY INTE | 12.24 | 7 |
| POT BIFL | 0.01 | 3 | POT FRUT | 0.01 | 5 | SAL ARCT | 0.16 | 4 |
| SAL DODG | 0.22 | 2 | SAL RETI | 0.09 | 4 | PAR PALU | 0.01 | 3 |
| SAX AIZO | 0.01 | 1 | SAX OPPO | 0.50 | 7 | PED CAPI | 0.02 | 2 |
| PED LABR | 0.01 | 1 | PED LANA | 0.10 | 6 | PED SUDE | 0.10 | 4 |
| ALE OCHR | 1.93 | 6 | ASA CHRY | 0.28 | 3 | CET COMM | 0.0 | 1 |
| CET CUCU | 1.51 | 5 | CET ERIC | 0.14 | 1 | CET ISLA | 0.86 | 6 |
| CET NIVA | 0.16 | 6 | CET RICH | 0.04 | 1 | CET TILE | 3.89 | 7 |
| CLA ARBU | 0.56 | 2 | CLA STEL | 0.01 | 1 | CLA POCI | 0.01 | 1 |
| CLA PYXI | 1.36 | 1 | CLA UNCI | 0.01 | 1 | DAC ARCT | 0.16 | 2 |
| DAC BERI | 0.19 | 2 | DAC RAMU | 0.14 | 2 | LEC EPIB | 1.84 | 2 |
| OCH ANDR | 1.56 | 1 | PER DACT | 1.36 | 1 | SOL BISP | 0.09 | 1 |
| THA SUBU | 0.62 | 6 | THA VERM | 1.66 | 1 | TON LOBU | 5.56 | 1 |
| CRUSTOSE | 10.78 | 2 | SOIL LIC | 4.94 | 5 | SAX LICH | 5.37 | 3 |
| COLLEMA | 0.0 | 1 | VER MURA | 1.36 | 1 | POL INTE | 0.23 | 3 |
| POL RUPE | 0.68 | 2 | OCHRO SP | 0.0 | 1 | MOSS SPP | 0.35 | 6 |
| BRYUM SP | 0.0 | 1 | DIT FLEX | 0.01 | 3 | DRE REVO | 0.0 | 1 |
| HYPNUM | 0.0 | 1 | HYP BAMB | 0.01 | 2 | ORT CRYC | 0.0 | 1 |
| POL JUNI | 0.0 | 1 | RHY RUGO | 0.0 | 1 | TOM NITE | 0.0 | 1 |
| TOR FRAG | 0.01 | 2 | TOR TORT | 0.0 | 3 | TOR NORV | 0.01 | 1 |

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'0.01' species present with extremely low cover in sample quadrats

'0.0' species present with extremely low cover in sampled stands but outside of the sample quadrats

chrysantha were important crustose lichens and the saxicolous lichens included *Polyblastia sendtneri*, *P. integrascens* and *Verrucaria muralis*.

Seven control stands were sampled from the following localities: (1) R.M.P. 56.3, (2) R.M.P. 61.9 to 62.4 near Blue Mountain, (3) R.M.P. 77.2 to R.M.P. 87.5 on the Plains of Abraham and (4) R.M.P. 104.3 in the Bolstead Creek area (Figure 1.3). All disturbance types, with the exception of camp yards, were sampled in this community.

Miscellaneous lichen cover was less than that of the control sites on the road, false start road and gravel pit but greater on all other disturbances (Appendix VI, L and Table 4.3). *Dryas integrifolia* cover was greater on the false start road and bulldozer tracks but lower on the other types of disturbances than in undisturbed areas. *Betula glandulosa*, *Silene acaulis*, *Carex rupestris*, *C. scirpoidea*, *Cetraria cucullata* and *C. tilesii* had less cover on all disturbances with the exception of false start roads. No plant species appeared consistently as recolonizers of the various disturbances in this community but *Salix alaxensis* had notably high cover values, relative to those of the controls, on four of the seven disturbances.

Species richness was lower than that of the control sites on all disturbances in this community (Table 4.5). However, floristic similarities to controls were generally among the highest recorded for this study. The bladed trail plant community was most similar to that of the undisturbed sites while the species composition on the gravel pit access road was most different from the control stands (Table 4.4).

Indications are that the floristic changes have not produced radically different plant communities from those of undisturbed stands. Although richness declined, floristic similarity after 34–36 years was not unduly low. This suggests that little environmental change resulted from the initial disturbances or that local species are well adapted to the colonization of newly available habitats.

Dryas integrifolia - Rhizocarpon umbilicatum Community

This plant community covered extensive areas on the Plains of Abraham and small parts of the Bolstead Creek–Devil's Pass Ecosection. It was restricted to the most exposed portions of the flat-topped plateau where extensive patterned ground occurred and where bedrock was visible. These excessively-drained, calcareous substrates had highly irregular surface microtopography as a result of the presence of frost riven surface material that often measured 50 cm or more in diameter. Vascular plants were restricted to areas in the central portions of the sorted patterned ground where concentrations of fines had accumulated. Cushion-forming plants such as *Dryas integrifolia*, *Salix dodgeana* and *Saxifraga oppositifolia* (Table 4.17) were able to grow in these areas where moisture was retained for longer periods and snow was less likely to be eroded in winter. Some species that do not normally grow in cushions had also adopted this growth form in this community. These included *Salix arctica* and *S. reticulata*. Many other species were found commonly growing solitarily or within cushions formed by other plants. These included *Draba corymbosa*, *Parrya nudicaulis*, several Carices, *Polygonum viviparum*, *Androsace chamaejasme* and *Pedicularis lanata*. The most abundant lichens were saxicolous and *Rhizocarpon umbilicatum* had the greatest cover. Moss species in this plant community (Table 4.17) included: *Hypnum bambergii*, *Tortella arctica*, *Tortella tortuosa*, *Hylocomnium splendens*, *Ditrichum flexicaule*, *Campylium stellatum* and *Tomenthypnum nitens*. The soil lichens collected were identified as *Lecanora epibyron*, *Cladonia pocillum* and *Solarina bispora*.

Eight control stands were sampled within two areas: (1) R.M.P. 80.3 to R.M.P. 84.3 on the Plains of Abraham and (2) R.M.P. 105.9 in the Bolstead Creek area (Figure 1.3). Only false start road and camp yard sites were not sampled in this plant community.

Cover by *Dryas integrifolia* was lower on all disturbance types while road, bladed trail and gravel pit sites had much less cover by *Rhizocarpon umbilicatum* than was found in the control area (Appendix VI, M Table 4.3).

Table 4.17: Average cover values for the undisturbed Dryas integrifolia-Rhizocarpon umbilicatum Plant Community (n=8)

| Species | Cover | n | Species | Cover | n | Species | Cover | n |
|-----------|-------|---|----------|-------|---|----------|-------|---|
| MEL APET | 0.01 | 4 | MIN ARCT | 0.53 | 7 | MIN R EL | 0.09 | 4 |
| MIN ROSS | 0.19 | 3 | SIL ACAU | 0.01 | 4 | STELL SP | 0.19 | 3 |
| ANT DENS | 0.01 | 3 | ARN ALPI | 0.01 | 1 | CHR INTE | 0.19 | 7 |
| SAU ANGU | 0.01 | 1 | SEN ATRO | 1.51 | 1 | SEN CYMB | 0.20 | 6 |
| BRA PURP | 0.14 | 3 | DRA CORY | 0.02 | 6 | EUT EDWA | 0.01 | 1 |
| PAR NUDI | 0.01 | 7 | SME BORE | 0.01 | 3 | CAR ATFU | 0.64 | 2 |
| CAR CAPI | 0.34 | 1 | CAR GLAC | 0.34 | 3 | CAR MEMB | 0.39 | 5 |
| CAR MISA | 0.57 | 5 | CAR PETR | 0.01 | 3 | CAR RUPE | 0.46 | 6 |
| CAR SCIR | 2.35 | 2 | CAR VAGI | 0.13 | 2 | ERI ANGU | 1.10 | 5 |
| ERI CALL | 0.80 | 1 | ERI SCHE | 0.09 | 1 | KOB MYOS | 1.66 | 1 |
| KOB SIMP | 0.05 | 2 | EQU VARI | 0.09 | 1 | ARC ALPI | 0.01 | 2 |
| CAS TETR | 0.01 | 7 | RHO LAPP | 0.01 | 1 | VAC ULIG | 8.54 | 1 |
| ARC LATI | 0.04 | 1 | JUN BIGL | 0.06 | 4 | JUN ALBE | 0.29 | 1 |
| LUZ NIVA | 0.01 | 1 | AST UMBE | 0.34 | 1 | PIN VULG | 0.01 | 1 |
| LLO SERO | 0.03 | 4 | TOF PUSI | 0.53 | 2 | PAP KEEL | 0.04 | 1 |
| PAP RADII | 0.14 | 3 | ARM MARI | 0.01 | 1 | POL BIST | 0.14 | 1 |
| POL VIVI | 0.34 | 8 | AND CHAM | 0.11 | 7 | PYROL SP | 0.01 | 1 |
| THA ALPI | 0.14 | 5 | DRY INTE | 11.36 | 8 | POT BIFL | 0.01 | 1 |
| POT UNIF | 0.01 | 3 | SAL ARCT | 0.75 | 5 | SAL DODG | 0.22 | 6 |
| SAL POLA | 0.01 | 3 | SAL RETI | 2.49 | 5 | SAX HIRC | 0.01 | 1 |
| SAX OPPO | 0.25 | 7 | PED CAPI | 0.08 | 2 | PED LANA | 0.88 | 8 |
| PED ARCT | 0.01 | 2 | PED SUDE | 0.60 | 1 | TER ALGA | 0.40 | 2 |
| ALE OCHR | 0.02 | 4 | CET CUCU | 0.84 | 5 | CET ISLA | 0.09 | 3 |
| CET LAEV | 0.01 | 1 | CET NIVA | 0.14 | 4 | CET PINA | 0.01 | 3 |
| CET TILE | 0.28 | 8 | CLA PHYL | 0.01 | 1 | CLA POCI | 0.01 | 1 |
| DAC ARCT | 0.01 | 2 | DAC BERI | 0.01 | 6 | DAC RAMU | 0.01 | 1 |
| EVE PERF | 0.01 | 3 | LEC EPIB | 1.33 | 4 | POL SEND | 2.58 | 1 |
| SOL BISP | 1.00 | 1 | THA SUBU | 0.48 | 8 | SOIL LIC | 3.23 | 4 |
| RHI UMBI | 12.45 | 3 | HEPATICS | 0.01 | 5 | MOSS SPP | 2.75 | 8 |
| BRY TORT | 0.0 | 1 | CAM STEL | 0.0 | 2 | DIS CAPI | 0.0 | 1 |
| DIS INCL | 0.0 | 1 | DIT FLEX | 0.0 | 2 | HYL SPLE | 0.01 | 1 |
| HYPNUM | 0.0 | 1 | HYP BAMB | 0.0 | 8 | MYU JULA | 0.0 | 1 |
| ORT CRYC | 0.0 | 1 | TOM NITE | 0.0 | 2 | TOR ARCT | 0.0 | 3 |
| TOR FRAG | 0.0 | 1 | TOR TORT | 0.0 | 6 | | | |

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'0.01' species present with extremely low cover in sample quadrats

'0.0' species present with extremely low cover in sampled stands but outside of the sample quadrats



Relatively high cover values were noted for various species but none were common to all disturbances. *Salix alaxensis* cover was significantly greater on the road and gravel pit access road sites than in the undisturbed areas. The lower cover of the plant species that were dominant in the control stands, lower species richness and the relatively low similarity coefficients indicate that disturbances in this community have had severe and long-lasting effects.

Saxicolous Lichens - Lecanora epibyron Community

This plant community was restricted to the highest portion of the study area. Areas at elevations above 1,800 m were susceptible to the most rigorous climatic conditions in the study area. Snow free during the winter and excessively drained in the thaw season, these sites experience severe water shortages and desiccating conditions. On the Plains of Abraham, blockfields and sorted patterned ground provide many microsites which was particularly important in affording shelter to vascular plants. Dominant vascular plant species include: *Dryas integrifolia*, *Carex misandra*, *C. scirpoidea* and *C. rupestris* as well as the cushion forming *Salix dodgeana* and *Saxifraga oppositifolia*. However, crustose lichens have the greatest cover (Table 4.18). *Lecanora epibyron* was the most abundant lichen identified. However, most other specimens collected were sterile and therefore unidentifiable. These sterile, crustose lichens were found most commonly on the soil surfaces but also covered many rock substrates. Such plants have been noted in other studies and are extremely difficult to identify (Raup 1969, Woo and Zoltai 1977). Identified saxicolous lichens in this plant community (Table 4.18) included: *Lecanora intricata*, *Rhizocarpon chioneum*, *Verrucaria muralis* and *Polyblastia hyperborea*. The soil lichens included: *Solarina bispora*, *Baeomyces rufus* and *Evernia perfragilis*.

Three control stands were sampled, all lying between R.M.P. 83.4 and R.M.P. 86.0 on the Plains of Abraham (Figure 1.3). Road, bladed trail and gravel pit disturbances were studied.

Carex petricosa, *Carex scirpoidea*, *Lecanora epibyron* and miscellaneous lichen species had markedly less cover on all of the

Table 4.18: Average cover values for the undisturbed Saxicolous Lichen-
Lecanora epibyron Plant Community (n=3)

| Species | Cover | n | Species | Cover | n | Species | Cover | n |
|----------|-------|---|----------|-------|---|----------|-------|---|
| MEL APET | 0.05 | 2 | MIN ARCT | 0.21 | 3 | MIN R EL | 0.67 | 2 |
| MIN ROSS | 0.01 | 1 | CHR INTE | 0.04 | 3 | SEN ATRO | 0.09 | 1 |
| SEN CYMB | 0.01 | 3 | BRA PURP | 0.02 | 2 | DRA CORY | 0.20 | 3 |
| PAR NUDI | 0.21 | 3 | CAR ATFU | 0.01 | 1 | CAR GLAC | 0.25 | 1 |
| CAR MISA | 1.18 | 2 | CAR PETR | 4.85 | 1 | CAR RUPE | 1.80 | 2 |
| CAR SCIR | 2.56 | 2 | ERI ANGU | 0.01 | 1 | KOB SIMP | 0.01 | 1 |
| CAS TETR | 0.01 | 1 | LLO SERO | 0.01 | 2 | TOF PUSI | 0.19 | 1 |
| PAP KEEL | 0.06 | 3 | POL VIVI | 0.06 | 3 | WOO GLAB | 0.01 | 1 |
| AND CHAM | 0.06 | 3 | THA ALPI | 0.25 | 1 | DRY INTE | 3.81 | 3 |
| POT VAHL | 0.04 | 1 | SAL ALAX | 0.01 | 1 | SAL ARBU | 0.01 | 1 |
| SAL ARCT | 0.06 | 3 | SAL DODG | 0.63 | 3 | SAL POLA | 0.01 | 2 |
| SAL RETI | 0.01 | 1 | SAX OPPO | 1.26 | 3 | PEDIC SP | 0.01 | 1 |
| PED LANA | 0.26 | 2 | PED ARCT | 0.01 | 1 | ALE OCHR | 0.01 | 1 |
| CET ISLA | 0.01 | 1 | CET NIVA | 0.01 | 1 | CET TILE | 0.74 | 3 |
| DAC RAMU | 0.01 | 1 | LEC EPIB | 23.50 | 3 | SOL BISP | 0.14 | 1 |
| THA SUBU | 0.04 | 3 | | | | SAX LICH | 29.97 | 3 |
| POL HYPE | 0.0 | 1 | POL GOTH | 0.0 | 1 | POL INTE | 0.0 | 2 |
| MOSS SPP | 0.13 | 3 | AMBLYSTE | 0.0 | 1 | BRA TURG | 0.0 | 1 |
| BRYUM SP | 0.0 | 1 | CAT NIGR | 0.0 | 1 | DIT FLEX | 0.0 | 1 |
| HYP BAMB | 0.01 | 3 | ORT CRYS | 0.0 | 1 | TOM NITE | 0.0 | 1 |
| TOR ARCT | 0.0 | 1 | TOR TORT | 0.0 | 1 | | | |

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'0.01' species present with extremely low cover in sample quadrats

'0.0' species present with extremely low cover in sampled stands but outside of the sample quadrats

disturbances sampled in this community than on control sites (Appendix VI, N and Table 4.3) and all tended to be restricted to undisturbed areas. Cover by *Dryas integrifolia* was less on the road and gravel pit sites but remained similar to that of the undisturbed areas on the bladed trail. *Salix alaxensis* was the only species to have a significantly higher cover value on a disturbance than on the control sites and this was recorded on the road site only.

Species richness was lower than that of the controls on all disturbances in this community, with the fewest species recorded for oil spills (Table 4.5). Similarity coefficients showed the flora of the bladed trails and gravel pit access roads to be most similar to that of the undisturbed sites while the flora of the oil spills differed to the greatest extent (Table 4.4).

It must be concluded that disturbances in this community have resulted in a simplification of the existing plant community and a reduction in plant species diversity. Both of these changes indicate that disturbances in this plant community create long-term disruptions and that the existing system seems incapable of recovering to a predisturbance state.

4.3.1.7 Crustose Lichen Tundra

Crustose Lichen Tundra occurred in a variety of sites with rock or fine-grained mineral substrates. Lichen cover varied from 100% on some blockfields to 60% on fine-grained mineral substrates. Blockfields and blockslopes in the Blue Mountain and Bolstead Creek–Devil's Pass Ecosections supported this type of tundra. Individual stands varied from a few hundred square meters to 10's of hectares. These areas were within the unglaciated section of the study area and were not common on south-facing slopes. Surfaces were composed primarily of granitic blocks that varied in size from 5 cm to 2 m with an average diameter of 50 cm.

Rhizocarpon inarense - Umbilicaria proboscidea Community

Field identification of crustose and saxicolous lichens was not attempted and therefore it was not possible to subdivide some of the groups included in Table 4.19. However, sufficient information was collected that,

Table 4.19: Average cover values for the undisturbed Rhizocarpon inarense-Umbilicaria proboscidea Plant Community (n=6)

| Species | Cover | n | Species | Cover | n | Species | Cover | n |
|----------|-------|---|----------|-------|---|----------|-------|---|
| AGY RIGI | 0.29 | 1 | ALE OCHR | 0.01 | 3 | BAC ALPI | 0.01 | 3 |
| CET TILE | 0.01 | 1 | CLA COCC | 0.01 | 3 | CLA DEFO | 0.01 | 3 |
| CLA G GR | 0.01 | 3 | CLA PLEU | 0.06 | 5 | DAC ARCT | 0.01 | 1 |
| DAC RAMU | 0.01 | 4 | OMP DECU | 1.38 | 5 | OMP KRAS | 1.38 | 5 |
| PAR CENT | 0.01 | 4 | PHY CAES | 1.38 | 4 | POL SEND | 0.0 | 3 |
| UMB HYPE | 5.04 | 4 | UMB PROB | 35.50 | 4 | | | |
| | | | RHIZO SP | 2.63 | 4 | RHI INAR | 37.05 | 5 |
| LEC PANT | 0.0 | 2 | LEC GLAU | 0.0 | 1 | LECIDEA | 0.01 | 3 |
| HEPATICS | 0.0 | 3 | MOSS SPP | 1.38 | 6 | AND RUPE | 0.0 | 5 |
| GRIMMIA | 0.0 | 1 | RHA LANU | 0.01 | 6 | ORTHOTRI | 0.01 | 1 |

See Appendix VI for full species names

'0.01' species present with extremely low cover in sample quadrats

'0.0' species present with extremely low cover in sampled stands but outside of the sample quadrats

with the identification of voucher specimens made it possible to describe the plant community in some detail.

Umbilicaria proboscidea and *Rhizocarpon* species were dominant. Species of several other genera of crustose lichens were also found, including: *Lecidea*, *Parmelia*, *Polyblastia*, *Physcia* and *Omphalodiscus*. No vascular plants were found and mosses were restricted to sheltered sites on the sides of and in cracks on the blocks. In this plant community (Table 4.4) six control stands were sampled. All were in the Blue Mountain area (R.M.P. 63.5 to R.M.P. 64.6) and in the Bolstead Creek area (R.M.P. 106.9 to R.M.P. 111.2) (Figure 1.3). Road, false start road, bladed trail and gravel pit disturbances were sampled in this community.

Lecidella stigmatea was the only plant species to have less cover on all disturbances than in the control plant community (Appendix VI, O and Table 4.3). Most of the dominant species in control stands had low cover or were absent from the disturbances. The plants colonizing disturbances varied from one site to the next and most of the species were not found in the undisturbed areas.

It is apparent that plant communities on disturbances were substantially different from those of the controls. This indicates that environmental conditions have been fundamentally changed by the disturbance. Crustose lichens have been noted for their slow growth rates (Hale 1974) and it is expected that these species will take a longer time to recover, if indeed this plant community can ever reestablish itself on the disturbed areas.

Disturbances here have provided environmental conditions less restrictive to vascular plant growth. Furthermore, the relatively simple control plant community has been replaced on disturbances by one which has greater structural and floristic diversity, particularly in its vascular plant component.

Due to the difficulty in identifying crustose and saxicolous lichen species, these sites may appear to support fewer species than was actually the case. It is interesting to note however, that vascular plants, while essentially absent from the undisturbed plant community, were an important

component of that on the disturbances.

4.3.1.8 Plant Communities Summary

Table 4.3 includes all species, genera or plant groups with cover values differing by 2% or more from the associated control values. A number of taxa which represented major components of the undisturbed plant communities had significantly less cover on disturbed sites (Table 4.3). These included the fruticose *Cladonia* species, *Lecanora epiphyron*, *Rhizocarpon* species, *Cetraria* species, *Stereocaulon paschale*, *Alectoria ochroleuca*, *Betula glandulosa*, *Silene acaulis*, *Carex misandra*, *C. petricosa*, *C. rupestris*, *C. scipoidea*, *Arctostaphylos* species, *Cassiope tetragona*, *Vaccinium vitiginosum*, *Hedysarum alpinum*, *Dryas integrifolia*, *Salix barrattiana*, *S. polaris* and *S. reticulata*. Conversely, several taxa or plant groups had greater cover on many disturbed site types and/or in several areas. These included *Collema* species, *Peltigera* species, *Stereocaulon alpinum*, *S. saxatile*, *S. tomentosum*, most *Polytrichum* species, *Minuartia* species, many Composites, *Carex microchaeta*, *C. membranacea*, *Trisetum spicatum*, *Juncus balticus*, *Epilobium* species, *Salix alaxensis* and *S. glauca*. Many plant species and groups were inconsistent in their responses to disturbance or were not common enough to show trends. In general, taxa that were abundant on control sites had lower cover values on disturbances, while introduced or locally rare plants often became dominant or had greater cover on the disturbed sites than in controls. No non-native species were found colonizing disturbances except where horses had recently used the area. There were no weedy annuals present on disturbances, just native perennials. However, species such as *Salix alaxensis* are common colonizers on natural disturbances and therefore have many of the characteristics of weedy plants. The flora of the control plant communities was substantially different from that of the disturbances and, in some cases, an entirely new assemblage of plants was present.

Bliss (1979) noted that several native vascular plant species were potentially useful for revegetation of disturbances in the Low and High Arctic. Of these, *Arctagrostis latifolia*, *Calamagrostis canadensis*, and *Deschampsia brevifolia* were also noted in this study. *Arctagrostis latifolia* and *Deschampsia brevifolia* had significantly greater cover on some disturbances. However, all three species on disturbances also had significantly less cover than was found in control stands (Table 4.3). Hernandez (1973) noted a number

of species capable of naturally colonizing disturbances. Three of these also were found to be important components of CANOL disturbance floras. *Poa arctica*, *Luzula confusa* and *Epilobium angustifolium* all had greater cover on disturbances than in controls (Table 4.3). All of these species were observed in fruit and it seems probable that local seed sources could be harvested or crop areas established to provide seed for revegetation programmes.

Deschampsia brevifolia was an important colonizer on man-induced disturbances in the High Arctic (Babb and Bliss 1974). *Luzula confusa*, *Dryas integrifolia*, *Salix arctica* and *Saxifraga oppositifolia* had less cover than on controls. CANOL disturbance data show little consistency among plant communities and disturbance types for these species (Table 4.3). This occurs despite the fact that the floristic and physiognomic characteristics in certain plant communities affected by CANOL disturbances have similarities to High Arctic areas (Brassard, 1972). However, the disturbances discussed by Babb and Bliss (1974) had less recovery time than did CANOL disturbances.

The 'organic crusts' (Raup 1969) on many disturbance substrates often covered substantial areas. It was apparent at the time of sampling that a significant area was occupied by these plants. However, these sterile crusts were not identifiable (Marsh, personal communication, 1980). Woo and Zoltai (1977) have also noted the presence of these crusts in the High Arctic and in the Canadian Rockies (Zoltai, personal communication, 1982). These surfaces can be composed of various species of mosses, liverworts and lichens. However, species of *Polyblastia* (Marsh, personal communication 1980) are thought to be the most important components of the organic crusts sampled on CANOL disturbances.

The highest similarity coefficients were found in association with bulldozer track floras which had values of 74 and 75 in two cases. Bladed trails and bulldozer tracks had the smallest differences and bulldozer tracks were the only type of disturbance with an average of more than 50% of the flora in common with control sites. These represent the only disturbances which initially would have retained, intact, large portions of the existing plant community and in this way could still have substantial portions of the original flora. In the case of bladed trails, Bliss and Wein (1972) described recovery from roots and rhizomes that were left following surface blading. Sprouting from these

contributed to the 30% to 50% cover achieved in 5 years. The lowest similarity coefficients were recorded for gravel pit and false start road sites, which had no species in common with the control stands in the *Rhizocarpon inarense* - *Umbilicaria proboscidea* community. Disturbances in this community had consistently lower similarity coefficients than were recorded in any other community type. False start roads and gravel pits had resulted in a complete floristic change and roads held only three of a possible 98 species in common with the undisturbed areas (Table 4.5). These crustose lichen communities develop slowly, and based on their similarity coefficients, require much more than 35 years to re-establish a plant community similar to that of the control. In addition, disturbances provide rooting areas and moisture not otherwise available in these areas. Given the degree of substrate alteration, it is doubtful that disturbances other than bladed trails will support plant communities similar to those of the control stands.

The *Salix polaris* - *Dactylina beringica*, *Salix barrattiana* - Moss Species and *Salix reticulata* - *S. lanata* plant communities generally had low similarity coefficients on all disturbances sampled (Table 4.4). The structure of these communities had been altered by the removal of the dominant, shrub component and its subsequent replacement with *Salix alaxensis* and/or *Salix planifolia* which were generally more robust shrubs. Increases in shading and the competition for other resources that would result from these fast growing shrubs would substantially alter the environmental conditions, even on the less disruptive disturbances such as bulldozer tracks.

The *Dryas integrifolia* - *Cetraria tilesii* and Saxicolous lichens - *Lecanora epiphyron* plant communities had the highest average similarity coefficients of all disturbances sampled (Table 4.4). Floristically, these communities tended to be least changed, implying that environmental alterations resulting from disturbances were smaller here than in other plant communities or that the species here were better able to colonize disturbances. The combination of lower species richness, removal of the dominant control species and low floristic similarity to control sites indicate that several plant communities have sustained severe, long lasting, negative impacts. Plant communities affected in this way include: *Carex membranacea*-*Sphagnum*, *Hedysarum alpinum*-Moss, *Salix polaris*-*Dactylina beringica*, *Dryas integrifolia*-*Rhizocarpon*

umbilicatum, and Saxicolous lichens–*Lecanora epibyron*. Conversely, there are also cases where, despite cover reductions, the species richness increased and floristic similarity was high. The greater species diversity and structural complexity on disturbances in these plant communities can be considered to be beneficial and the impacts positive after 34–36 years. Plant communities that provide examples of this include: *Carex* spp.–*Kobresia simpliciuscula*, *Betula glandulosa*–*Cladonia stellaris*–Moss, *Cladonia stellaris*–*Alectoria ochroleuca*, and *Rhizocarpon inarense*–*Umbilicaria proboscidea*.

Considering that recovery on CANOL disturbances has been natural, it is noteworthy that these plant communities have achieved such high cover values. After 34–36 years, cover in Cushion Plant Tundra is an average of 81% of that of the undisturbed plant community whereas in Crustose Lichen Tundra this value is only 30% (Table 4.20). A comparison of disturbances indicates that oil spills have only 31% of the total plant cover of their controls while bulldozer tracks average 87%. Certainly the degree of recovery is closely related to the extent of the original disturbance. However, in some cases little difference in plant cover occurs between fundamentally different types of disturbances. For example, in Erect Deciduous Shrub Tundra there was only a 2% difference in plant cover on gravel pit access roads and on bulldozer tracks (Table 4.20).

In all cases disturbances have greater bare ground than do control stands. After 34–36 years of natural recovery these differences are evident, even on the relatively lightly disturbed sites such as bulldozer tracks. It is also noteworthy that severe initial disturbances such as gravel pits can support a plant cover that is approaching control conditions. In the case of oil spills, they offer little opportunity for plant colonization and consequently support the least plant cover with the greatest reduction from control plant communities. It is evident that rehabilitation is necessary in order to enhance recovery on such long-lasting disturbances.

No disturbance plant community has totally recovered floristically. However, there are several plant communities where similarity coefficients vary little with the type of disturbance. Examples of this (excluding oil spills) include Sedge Meadow Tundra and Cushion Plant Tundra where there was only a 12 and a 10 point spread in values

Table 4.20: Control-corrected bare ground cover (%) on CANOL Project disturbances, N.W.T. in tundra plant communities

| Plant Community | Mean Control Values | Road | False Start Road | Bladed Trail | Camp Yard | Bulldozer Track | Gravel Pit | Gravel Pit Access Road | Oil Spill | Mean Cover Difference (all disturbances) |
|---|---------------------|------|------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------------|------------|------------------------|-----------|--|
| Erect Deciduous Shrub Tundra | 8 | +52 | +45 | +44 | +10 | +18 | +60 | +20 | +94 | +43 |
| Decumbent Shrub Tundra | 17 | +58 | +52 | +76 | | +28 | +70 | +42 | +49 | +47 |
| Sedge Meadow Tundra | 14 | +46 | | +1 | | +32 | +26 | | +58 | +33 |
| Lichen Heath Tundra | 8 | +56 | | +22 | | | +72 | | +74 | +56 |
| Fruitleose Lichen Tundra | 3 | +53 | +75 | +72 | | +3 | +79 | +25 | | +51 |
| Cushion Plant Tundra | 57 | +29 | | +14 | | | +28 | +5 | | +19 |
| Crustose Lichen Tundra | 6 | +75 | | | | | +66 | | | +70 |
| Mean Cover Difference (all communities) | | +53 | +57 | +38 | +10 | +13 | +57 | +23 | +69 | |

respectively (Table 4.2 1). It is also evident that Decumbent Shrub Tundra and Lichen Heath Tundra show a high degree of variability in the disturbance similarity coefficients. In this case, disturbance type seems to be a determining factor in their long-term floristic evolution. It is inaccurate to state that the slow rate of recovery or colonization displayed by most non-crustose lichen species found in control stands is a factor since Cushion Plant Tundra and Lichen Heath Tundra both have a significant number of lichen species. Nor is it necessarily a consequence of substrate characteristics since Cushion Plant Tundra and Decumbent Shrub Tundra can be found on similar soil types. It does not appear to be a consequence of the ability of the individual control stand plants to colonize adjacent disturbances since mean similarity coefficients indicate that Sedge Meadow Tundra and Cushion Plant Tundra (the 2 communities with little intradisturbance variability) have the highest and one of the lowest degrees of floristic difference from their control stands respectively. Given the variability noted above, it is evident that there is probably more than one controlling factor and that the dominant one changes with the plant community. This seems to be the most satisfactory answer since these comparisons are made among highly variable plant communities whose very structure reflects differences in ecologically limiting factors.

Studies on oil spills have noted plant recovery after short time intervals (e.g. 0–5 years) (MacKay et. al. 1979, Hutchinson and Hellebust 1978, Bliss and Wein 1972, Wein and Bliss 1973, Babb and Bliss 1974, Walker et. al. 1978, McKendrick and Mitchell 1978). Results from CANOL oil spill studies confirm that recovery is occurring but more slowly than the literature suggests, perhaps as a result of the recontamination mentioned by MacKay and Deneke (1979) or the delay in response noted by McCown and others (1972) but not evident with short term studies. Given the low plant cover on CANOL oil spills, it seems reasonable to assume that these sites remain hostile as a result of their extreme aridity, as is suggested by the results of studies by Bliss and Wein (1972) or because they remain phytotoxic as is suggested by the lack of degradation noted in Section 3.3.2.

Table 4.21: Floristic similarity coefficients comparing control and CANOL Project disturbance plant communities, N.W.T.

| Plant Community | Disturbance Type | Road | False Start Road | Bladed Trail | Camp Yard | Bulldozer Track | Gravel Pit | Gravel Pit Access Road | Oil Spill | Mean Similarity Coefficient (all disturbances) |
|---|------------------|------|------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------------|------------|------------------------|-----------|--|
| Erect Deciduous Shrub Tundra | | 44 | 60 | 51 | 28 | 59 | 51 | 49 | 40 | 48 |
| Decumbent Shrub Tundra | | 57 | 37 | 60 | | 63 | 54 | 53 | 29 | 50 |
| Sedge Meadow Tundra | | 35 | | 47 | | 44 | 35 | | 19 | 36 |
| Lichen Heath Tundra | | 26 | | 60 | | | 38 | | | 22 |
| Fruticose Lichen Tundra | | 43 | 40 | 46 | | 59 | 49 | 57 | | 49 |
| Cushion Plant Tundra | | 49 | | 59 | | | 56 | 58 | | 56 |
| Crustose Lichen Tundra | | 26 | | | | | 34 | | | 30 |
| Mean Similarity Coefficient (all communities) | | 40 | 46 | 54 | 28 | 56 | 45 | 54 | 28 | |

4.3.2 Shrub Ages

The 172 shrubs collected and aged included the following species:

1. *Salix alaxensis* – 120 specimens
2. *Salix planifolia* – 28 specimens
3. *Salix reticulata* – 4 specimens
4. *Salix arctica* – 3 specimens
5. *Salix arbusculoides* – 2 specimens
6. *Salix lanata* – 1 specimen
7. *Salix glauca* – 1 specimen
8. *Betula glandulosa* – 13 specimens

Several specimens taken from disturbances were much older than the CANOL Project. A *Betula glandulosa* shrub dating from 1929 was found on a road site, a *Salix planifolia* from 1936 on a bladed trail, a *Betula glandulosa* from 1941 on a bulldozer track, two *Salix alaxensis* from 1932 and 1940 in gravel pits and one *S. arctica* from 1935 on an oil spill. *Salix alaxensis* was seldom a major component in control stands but the other species sampled were frequently dominant in undisturbed areas. These plants were probably uprooted or broken off and then inadvertently transplanted onto the disturbed sites, perhaps as part of the fill used during construction (Porsild 1950:34). This is supported by the fact that 4 of the 5 cases occurred in Erect Deciduous Shrub Tundra (Table 4.22). An alternative hypothesis is that previously existing shrubs on the site were not killed. The shrub from the oil spill site was found on a raised, seemingly uncontaminated, portion of the area affected. These individuals have been removed from the data set since this study is concerned with the species that have colonized disturbed areas by seed dispersal over the past 35 years. All five of the shrub samples taken from control sites predated 1927, the oldest being a 168-year-old *Salix alaxensis* specimen. Although the sample size was small, it is interesting to note that none of the control site shrubs post-dated the CANOL Project. Adkins (personal communication September 1982) reported that shrubs as old as 400 years have been sampled in the Macmillan Pass area. Indications are that little shrub seedling survival occurs in undisturbed areas. Natural and man-induced disturbances provide the necessary conditions for successful shrub seed germination and growth.

The selection of the largest and presumably oldest shrubs for sampling, has produced a skewed distribution of shrub ages. However, this does not preclude more recent shrub colonization. The main purpose of the sampling was to determine the time at which shrubs were first able to become established in disturbed areas.

Shrub origin dates on disturbances generally showed little variation (Table 4.22) ¹¹. Average ages on road and oil spill sites (i.e. dating from 1958 and 1964 respectively) were younger than those found on other types of disturbances (i.e. dating from 1951 to 1954) except in Fruticose Lichen Tundra. When they were present, the average age of shrubs on oil spills was ten years younger than the other disturbances, however, these disturbances generally lacked any shrub cover except on slightly elevated sites that were presumably less affected by the oil. This suggested that even after 34–36 years this environment remains hostile for these woody plants.

Shrubs on disturbances caused by the deposition of fill were an average of four years younger than those on excavation types. The oldest mean dates of shrub recolonization were found in gravel pits excavated in Sedge Meadow Tundra and on false start roads located in Erect Deciduous Shrub Tundra (Table 4.22). Excluding the oil spill shrub data, all mean shrub ages fall within the 12 year period extending from 1948 to 1960, indicating that this period was perhaps more suited to shrub colonization. It was during this time interval that salvage operations were conducted (Section 2.3.7, Table 2.5). It seems probable that some redisturbance of the road occurred, however no grading was done. No age differences were noted between road shoulder and road centre locations. Furthermore, no damage to shrubs was noted for those pre-dating the salvage. It was therefore concluded that the shrub colonization dates from the road were not affected by salvage operations that would have removed shrubs.

Willow species are known for their ability to reproduce vegetatively. Cuttings have been used in revegetation studies (Brown and Berg 1980; Johnson 1981; Younkin 1976) but with variable success. In this study, marker pegs, cut from live shrubs, stripped of leaves and placed in the ground to locate plant community sample points, were

¹¹ Forb Meadow Tundra has not previously been discussed (Section 1.7) and included forb-dominated plant communities. Collectively, forbs dominated but, on an individual species basis, sedges and mosses were more common. Forb species included *Petasites hyperborea*, *Thalictrum alpinum*, *Artemisia arctica*, *Pedicularis* species, *Polygonum viviparum*, *Geum rossii*, and *Rhodiola integrifolia* plus numerous others.

Table 4.22: Shrub origin dates in control and CANOL Project disturbance plant communities, N.W.T.

| Plant Community | Control | Road | False Start Road | Bladed Trail | Camp Yard | Bulldozer Track | Gravel Pit | Gravel Access Road | Pit Road | Oil Spill | All Fill Types | All Excavation Types |
|------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-----------|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|----------|-----------|----------------|----------------------|
| Erect Deciduous Shrub Tundra n | 1902 2 | 1955 ^a 7 | 1948 1 | 1953 ^b 15 | 1951 1 | 1954 ^c 4 | 1950 ^d 17 | 1951 2 | | | 1953 10 | 1952 33 |
| Decumbent Shrub Tundra n | 1867 1 | 1960 15 | 1954 3 | 1953 5 | | 1954 2 | 1953 11 | 1954 5 | | 1963 3 | 1953 23 | 1952 16 |
| Sedge Meadow Tundra n | | 1954 4 | | | | | 1948 2 | | | | 1954 4 | 1948 2 |
| Lichen Heath Tundra n | 1813 1 | 1959 5 | | 1952 4 | | | 1952 2 | | | 1964 1 | 1959 5 | 1952 6 |
| Fruticose Lichen Heath Tundra n | | 1952 4 | 1954 1 | 1950 3 | | 1950 1 | 1954 5 | 1954 2 | | | 1953 7 | 1953 8 |
| Cushion Plant Tundra n | 1854 1 | 1959 6 | | 1956 7 | | | 1954 5 | 1950 2 | | | 1957 8 | 1955 12 |
| Crustose Lichen Tundra n | | 1958 6 | 1957 1 | | | | 1952 ^e 2 | | | | 1958 7 | 1955 2 |
| Forb Meadow Tundra n | | 1960 3 | | 1957 1 | | 1954 1 | 1952 1 | | | | 1960 3 | 1954 2 |
| Mean Date of Origin ^f | 1868 | 1958 | 1954 | 1953 | 1951 | 1954 | 1952 | 1953 | | 1964 | 1956 | 1952 |
| Standard Deviation | 41.2 | 4.6 | 4.2 | 4.8 | NA | 5.0 | 4.7 | 4.4 | | 5.3 | 4.9 | 4.7 |
| Sample Size | 5 | 50 | 7 | 35 | 1 | 8 | 45 | 11 | | 4 | 68 | 81 |

a one shrub dating from 1929 excluded

b one shrub dating from 1936 excluded

c one shrub dating from 1941 excluded

d one shrub dating from 1940 excluded

e one shrub dating from 1932 excluded

f shrubs originating prior to 1943 on disturbances are not included



observed sprouting within 1 to 2 years time. Sprouting of *Salix alaxensis* was noted on bladed trails, bulldozer tracks, gravel pits, oil spills and controls. Not all shrubs were re-examined, but sprouting markers were found on both 1977 and 1978 sites. These observations, although limited, are supported by findings in Alaska where unrooted *Salix alaxensis* had greater survival success than did rooted material (Johnson 1981). It should also be noted that the lack of leaves on the marker pegs may have reduced water loss at the critical time when roots had not yet developed. Further work is needed in this area, particularly in reference to oil spills where cuttings may be able to root below the maximum depth of oil penetration and therefore aid in revegetation programmes.

In summary, shrubs colonized most types of disturbances within the 12 year period beginning three years after abandonment. Oil spills were the exception since shrubs on these disturbances dated from 1963–1964. A few shrubs were either transported onto disturbances or survived the impact of these disturbances since some specimens pre-dated the CANOL Project construction period.

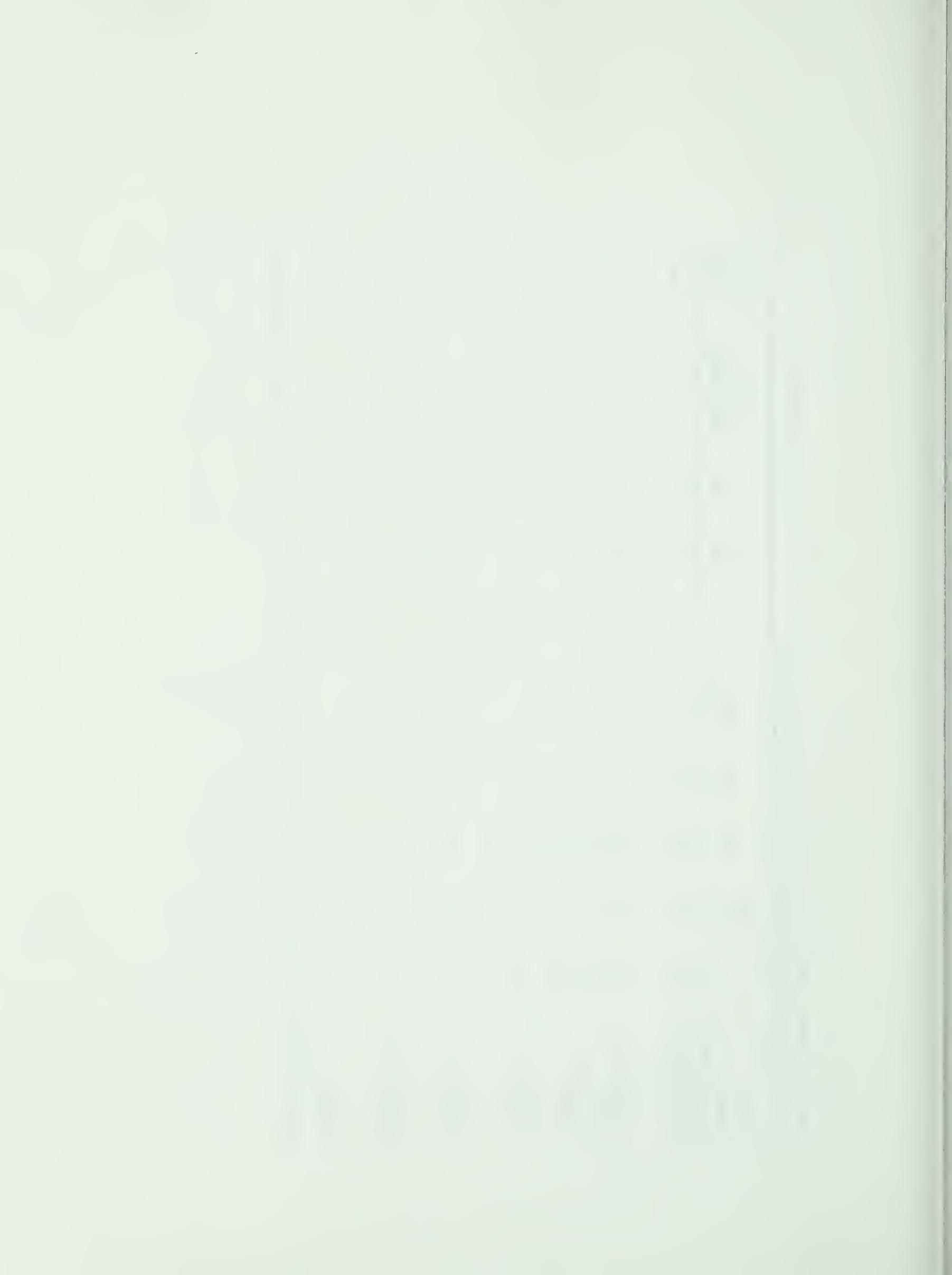
4.3.3 Above-Ground Phytomass

Detailed above-ground phytomass (phytomass) data are presented in Appendix V and a summary of these is presented in Table 4.23. Phytomass values from each of the seven physiognomically defined plant communities are included, with both control-corrected and uncorrected values. The mean above-ground phytomass for all disturbances within each plant community was expressed as a percentage of the mean control value in order to determine the mean per cent reduction from the control values.

The various tundra plant communities differed greatly in their above-ground phytomass with mean values ranging from 74 g/m² in the Crustose Lichen Tundra to 3,883 g/m² in Erect Deciduous Shrub Tundra (Table 4.23). The average above-ground phytomass on control sites was higher than the mean value recorded for any of the disturbance types. Bulldozer track disturbances had the greatest total phytomass, equivalent to 73% of the control mean, while gravel pits had the smallest accumulations, with values equivalent to 8% of the control mean.

Table 4.23: Summary of mean control-corrected (cc) and uncorrected (u) above-ground phytomass (standing crop) (gm^{-2}) of control and CANOL Project disturbance plant communities, N.W.T.

| Plant Community | Road | False Start Road | Bladed Trail | Camp Yard | Bulldozer Tracks | Gravel Pit | Gravel Pit Access Road | Oil Spill | Mean % Reduction From Control Values | Mean Control Values |
|------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Erect Deciduous Shrub Tundra | cc -4,150 u 149 | -2,245 215 | -3,227 258 | -2,729 914 | -3,051 1,223 | -3,165 114 | -1,265 432 | -5,627 4 | 81 | 3,883 |
| Decumbent Shrub Tundra | cc -808 u 156 | -351 38 | -894 96 | | -879 366 | -816 61 | -808 365 | -1,161 76 | 99 | 927 |
| Sedge Meadow Tundra | cc -1,236 u 184 | | -1,316 1,316 | | -971 2,139 | -674 459 | | -926 46 | 61 | 1,668 |
| Lichen Heath Tundra | cc -1,596 u 312 | | -1,500 409 | | | -1,878 31 | | -1,908 1 | 90 | 1,596 |
| Fruticose Lichen Tundra | cc -876 u 296 | -839 92 | -1,353 447 | | -439 1,361 | -1,586 63 | -2,024 549 | | 72 | 1,649 |
| Cushion Plant Tundra | cc -57 u 25 | | -56 24 | | | -80 1 | +6 76 | | 59 | 78 |
| Crustose Lichen Tundra | cc -46 u 28 | | -92 1 | | | -27 28 | | | 74 | 74 |



The minimum percentage of total phytomass represented by shrub species¹² was higher on the road, false start road, gravel pit and gravel pit access road sites than in the control areas (Appendix V, Table A). This was somewhat surprising since the mean date of origin for roads and false start roads was more recent than that of most other disturbances. The time during which phytomass accumulation has occurred would therefore have been less than that of most other disturbance types. Conditions on roads in particular must be highly conducive to the growth of shrub species that are able to colonize this disturbance since the mean date of shrub origin was at least 4 years later than that of all other disturbances, with the exception of oil spills.

The sparse plant cover of the Cushion Plant Tundra showed the least difference in phytomass as a result of any disturbance and was the only type of plant community to have a disturbance supporting a greater phytomass than its control stands (Table 4.23). It would appear that the new environmental conditions created by disturbances in this community were least limiting relative to conditions in associated, undisturbed areas. In Lichen Heath Tundra, the phytomass on disturbances was 10% of the control levels, indicating that environmental alterations created severely limiting conditions on disturbances which inhibited their ability to produce and/or retain phytomass even after 34–6 yrs. The undisturbed, Erect Deciduous Shrub Tundra supported a phytomass two to 50 times greater than that of the other communities and in absolute terms it experienced by far the greatest loss of phytomass on all disturbances, with the exception of gravel pit access roads. Phytomass reductions were great due to the large phytomass in the Erect Deciduous Shrub Tundra. However, a comparison of disturbances indicates that 13 cases occurred where the phytomass supported on disturbances in other plant communities was greater than that on similar disturbances in Erect Deciduous Shrub Tundra. Not only did disturbances in the areas with higher phytomass cause the greatest reduction in available phytomass but also, the new disturbance systems were more restrictive to phytomass accumulation (plant growth) than in other communities (i.e. cf. bladed trails in Sedge Meadow Tundra, Lichen Heath Tundra and Fruticose Lichen Tundra – Table 4.23). Disturbances in these cases caused greater changes initially and also had a slower recovery rate. It is also noteworthy that the mean shrub colonization dates for

¹²These are minimum values as some of the smaller samples were left undifferentiated (Appendix V)

most disturbances in Erect Deciduous Shrub Tundra were older than those recorded in most other plant communities (Table 4.22). Despite longer periods with shrub cover, the phytomass accumulation rates must have been lower and since herbaceous plants are generally the pioneer species it follows that shrubs would only make a significant contribution after the establishment of herbs. A final point is that disturbances in Sedge Meadow Tundra had higher phytomass values than did similar disturbances in other plant communities with the exception of oil spills in Decumbent Shrub Tundra (Table 4.23).

Bulldozer tracks in the Sedge Meadow Tundra possessed the largest phytomass of any disturbance while oil spills and gravel pits in Lichen Heath and Cushion Plant Tundra respectively had the lowest values (Table 4.23). Lichen Heath and Decumbent Shrub Tundra showed the greatest overall reductions in standing-crop while Cushion Plant and Sedge Meadow Tundra had the smallest changes. Woody and fruticose lichen-dominated tundra therefore displayed greater differences in phytomass than did herbaceous, crustose lichen and sparsely covered plant community types (Table 4.23). This is to be expected since a higher proportion of the phytomass is contained in the woody plants. Loré (1977) reported similar results from 50-year-old cart tracks on the Burwash Uplands. He noted that annual above-ground dry matter was less than 50% of that of disturbed sites in Sedge tussock and Sedge-heath Tundra.

Oil spills supported the lowest phytomass in three of the four plant communities in which they were sampled and showed the greatest overall difference from control stands (Table 4.23). After 35 years, oil spills remain the most limiting environment for plant production. McCown and others (1972) reported that 3-year-old crude oil spills in wet-grass-sedge tundra had a maximum of 97% phytomass reduction. This was identical to the 97% reduction noted in Sedge Meadow Tundra in this study, with the important difference that the CANOL spills were more than 10 times older. This is a significant distinction since many short-term studies in Sedge Meadow Tundra indicate that long-term recovery should be much greater than that observed on CANOL spills. Wein and Bliss (1973) noted 20–50% recovery by the second growing season while Hutchinson and Hellebust (1978) found cover values on 2-year-old crude oil spills that were 25% of the control values. Walker and others (1978) found similar results in wet sedge meadows. In light of the results from the CANOL studies, these observations are

difficult to explain. The only other long-term study is that of Lawson and others (1978) where 28-year-old diesel fuel spills had 55 to 15% plant cover. However, it should be noted that refined fuel was generally more destructive than crude oil when spilled (Hutchinson and Freedman; McCown et. al. 1973). It may be that short term recovery is nullified by physical processes that recontaminate growing plants with the remaining oil residue. In sedge meadows, a high water table reduces contamination of the rooting zone. However, in a particularly dry year, oil may penetrate to this area and eventually kill the plants. In plant communities other than Sedge Meadow Tundra the long-term effects of oil spills were more severe with greater phytomass reductions.

Phytomass production on false start roads varied considerably but the overall difference from the controls was smaller than that recorded for any other disturbance type. Phytomass on these sites was therefore most similar to that of the associated control stands.

Total phytomass recorded on any one disturbance never exceeded the mean control value (Appendix V, Table A). The relatively high percentage of woody phytomass on the road, false start road, gravel pit and gravel pit access road sites, in comparison to the average control levels (Appendix V), was due primarily to the presence of *Salix* species. Lack of competition from other plants and the adaptability of many members of this genus enabled these shrubs to utilize habitats where other plants were limited. Numerous cases were noted where the ground immediately below the shrubs had thick accumulations of leaf and other types of litter. In these cases, higher moss and forb cover was also found. It seems probable that the shelter from wind afforded by the shrubs reduced the loss of leaf litter and enhanced snow accumulation while the shade reduced surface moisture losses. The resulting habitat was less hostile and mosses and forbs were able to colonize these microsites more successfully. The shrubs would give little competition for moisture since they are generally more deeply rooted than are herbaceous plants.

4.3.4 Above-Ground Phytomass Summary

Above-ground phytomass was less than that of the control sites on all disturbances in all plant communities with the exception of a gravel pit access road in the Cushion Plant Tundra. Mean per cent differences from control stands were lowest where control phytomass was small. Oil spills had the greatest differences in phytomass while on the false start roads it was the most similar to that of the controls. Disturbances through plant communities with a high amount of phytomass seldom have the highest accumulations after 34–36 years. The herbaceous dominated, Sedge Meadow Tundra had the greatest phytomass on all disturbances with the exception of oil spills. These points indicate that initial disturbances and long-term phytomass responses were most severe in the structurally complex, shrub-dominated plant communities. This is probably due to the fact that woody species are generally slow growing and at first will cover much less area than will herbaceous plants. In time, this situation could be reversed. After 34–36 years, disturbances support 10 to 41% of the control plant community phytomass. This was surprising since the control values were the product of much longer periods of accumulation and currently higher plant cover values. For example, shrubs in Cushion Plant Tundra indicate that this community was at least 124 years old. The average phytomass on disturbances was 41% of that of the control in that community after only 35 years.

4.4 Conclusions

Woody plants colonized most disturbances within nine years of abandonment. Roads and oil spills were an exception to this, with an average of 13 and 19 years respectively passing prior to establishment of the first shrubs. The shrub species most commonly found in disturbed areas were members of the genus *Salix*, though *Betula glandulosa* was also common on a few sites.

Above-ground phytomass was less than that of controls on all disturbances. Oil spills and gravel pits had the smallest phytomass while bulldozer tracks had the largest accumulations. When compared to the associated control values, the phytomass of the oil spill sites showed the greatest reduction and the phytomass on the false start road, the least. Despite this, it is noteworthy that after 34–36 years, phytomass was on average between 10% and 40% of control values. In some cases, even disturbances resulting in

total removal of predisturbance plant biomass now have accumulated 35% to 40% of control values. This represents excellent recovery, particularly since the rate of increase would be slow for several years (e.g. for the first 9 to 13 years for shrub species). However, this lag is a concern since the extent of surface erosion and thermokarst can be related to the surface plant cover as well as an host of ecological consequences (e.g. wildlife habitat, soil nutrients, etc.).

Within each of the fifteen floristically defined plant communities, responses to disturbances were often unique. It was generally found that, when lichens were common in the control, they were absent from, or much reduced on the disturbances. Several groups of plants, and most commonly the dominant species of the undisturbed stands, had notably less cover. Higher cover values were noted for approximately the same number of taxa as had lower values. The cover differences relative to controls often varied with the type of disturbance and the plant community affected (Table 4.5). Consequently, it is difficult to make generalizations regarding the suitability of a particular species for revegetation.

However, a number of plant species consistently demonstrated an ability to disperse from areas outside of those directly affected by the CANOL Project and to establish themselves successfully on most types of disturbances (Table 4.24). Several of these species have been noted in other studies for their potential for use in revegetation programmes. Few studies have reported on colonizing bryophytes. None of the bryophytes noted on disturbances by Johnson, Murray and Murray (1978) were common on CANOL disturbances. *Polytrichum juniperinum* was noted recolonizing after a fire in the Tuktoyaktuk region. In Alaska, *Polytrichum* sp. was one of the earliest colonizers on natural tundra disturbances (Peterson and Billings, 1978). Few of the lichens included in Table 4.24 have been noted in the literature as disturbance colonizers. Peterson and Billings (1978) noted that *Stereocaulon* sp. and *Cetratia* spp. were important components of the plant cover on natural disturbances in the Alaskan Arctic coastal plain. *Stereocaulon* species have also been described as increasing in cover in areas of heavy reindeer grazing in Finland (Kallio et. al. 1969; Pulliainen 1971). In these areas, trampling and grazing can substantially alter the plant communities. Several of the vascular plant species noted in this study have been reported as successful colonizers of natural and man-induced

Table 4.24: Plant species with demonstrated ability for long-distance dispersal and colonization success on CANOL Project disturbances, N.W.T.

| LICHENS | MOSSES | VASCULAR PLANTS |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <i>Cladonia macrophylla</i> | <i>Polytrichum</i> sp. | <i>Calamagrostis canadensis</i> * |
| <i>C. pyxidata</i> | <i>P. hyperboreum</i> * | <i>Carex aquatilis</i> * |
| <i>C. subulata</i> | <i>P. juniperinum</i> * | <i>C. lugens</i> * |
| <i>Collema</i> sp. | <i>P. piliferum</i> * | <i>C. membranacea</i> * |
| <i>Lecidella stigmata</i> | <i>P. polydactyla</i> * | <i>C. microchaeta</i> * |
| <i>Pannaria pezizoides</i> | <i>P. strictum</i> * | <i>C. podocarpa</i> * |
| <i>Peltigera aphthosa</i> * | | <i>Dryas octopetala</i> * |
| <i>P. canina</i> * | | <i>Empetrum nigrum</i> |
| <i>P. polydactyla</i> * | | <i>Epilobium anagallidifolium</i> |
| <i>P. rufescens</i> * | | <i>E. angustifolium</i> * |
| <i>Rinodina roscida</i> | | <i>E. latifolium</i> * |
| <i>Stereocaulon alpinum</i> * | | <i>Hedysarum mackenzii</i> * |
| <i>S. paschale</i> * | | <i>Hierochloe alpina</i> * |
| <i>S. saxatile</i> * | | <i>Juncus balticus</i> * |
| <i>S. tomentosum</i> * | | <i>Linnaea borealis</i> |
| <i>Torinia lobulata</i> | | <i>Minuartia macrocarpa</i> |
| | | <i>Minuartia rubella</i> |
| | | <i>Poa alpigena</i> * |
| | | <i>P. pratensis</i> * |
| | | <i>Salix alaxensis</i> * |
| | | <i>S. arbusculoides</i> * |
| | | <i>S. glauca</i> * |
| | | <i>S. lanata</i> * |
| | | <i>S. planifolia</i> * |
| | | <i>Trisetum spicatum</i> * |
| | | <i>Veronica wormskjoldii</i> |

* Species consistently forming a high proportion of standing crop and cover on disturbances

disturbances in other studies. These included *Carex aquatilis* (Bliss and Wein 1972; Hernandez 1973; Johnson et. al. 1978; Lore 1977), *Empetrum nigrum* (Johnson 1980; Wein and Bliss 1973); *Epilobium* species (Hernandez 1973; Johnson 1980), *Calamagrostis canadensis* (Bliss and Wein 1972; Hernandez 1973; Johnson 1980; Johnson and VanCleve 1976; Lambert 1972; Peterson and Billings 1978; Younkin 1976), *Poa* species (Bliss and Wein 1972; Hill, Freedman and Svoboda 1980; Johnson 1980; Johnson et. al. 1978; Peterson and Billings 1978; Younkin 1976; Yurtsev and Korobkov 1979), *Dryas* species (Babb 1973; Hill, Freedman and Svoboda 1980; Johnson 1980) and *Salix* species (Bliss and Wein 1972; Druzhinina and Zarkova 1979; Hill, Freedman and Svoboda 1980; Johnson 1980; Johnson 1981; Johnson et. al. 1966; Johnson et.al. 1978; Lambert 1972; Peterson and Billings 1978). Not all the studies have been of long-term disturbances. However, it is apparent that these species or genera are successful colonizers of disturbances on a circumpolar basis.

Long distance dispersal is an important component of vegetation recovery in most ecosections. It would therefore be difficult to determine what native species are best adapted to disturbed environments by selecting only from promising local species on undisturbed areas. The species that consistently demonstrate the capability for colonization and long-distance dispersal have been identified (Table 4.24) and should be considered as preadapted for similar northern environments. Furthermore, several of these species consistently form a high proportion of disturbance above-ground phytomass and cover. These species should therefore be carefully considered since they appear to be ideally suited for revegetation programmes in northern reclamation projects.

Those vascular plants with the ability to bind soil and reduce soil erosion would be especially important for reclamation programmes. Plants particularly suited for this purpose would include *Calamagrostis canadensis*, *Carex* species, *Hierochloe alpina*, *Poa* species and *Trisetum spicatum*, all of which are graminoids capable of rapid sexual and vegetative propagation (Table 4.24). In addition, the *Salix* species have the ability to enhance soil moisture on disturbances since they trap drifting snow and shade the soil surface. These species often are also desirable forage for resident herbivores.

Species composition was simplified relative to control stands, on disturbances in the *Dryas integrifolia*-dominated plant communities. Oil spills and roads most often had relatively low species richness. Definite assemblages of plants were found on each disturbance type, though these varied as the associated control plant communities changed. All CANOL disturbances were small in area and therefore the transport distance was not significantly different among the 8 types of disturbances sampled. Assuming that rates of migration into disturbed areas at a given site were equal, those disturbances with high species diversity would appear to have created environments conducive to growth and reproduction of a wide variety of plants. Low species diversity could reflect a relatively severe environment where only the hardiest species are able to survive or a habitat especially suited to only a few species.

Considering all of the parameters discussed above, after 34–36 years, plant communities on oil spills, roads and gravel pits showed the greatest degree of difference from while plant communities on bulldozer tracks were most similar to the undisturbed stands. However, it is evident that all disturbances have produced changes and in some cases it is difficult to conclude that a predisturbance state can be reestablished, even within an extremely long time frame. The environmental conditions that led to the formation of the control plant communities have been changed by the disturbances and it is reasonable to assume that successional processes will lead to the establishment of stable plant communities that are substantially different from those that were undisturbed. It is also evident in cases where the initial disturbance was slight (i.e. bulldozer track) or where disturbances produced environmental alterations not substantially different from control conditions (i.e. in Cushion Plant Tundra) that the product of long-term evolution will result in plant communities that are more similar to controls than at present.

Disturbances with their own distinctive plant communities are generally linear disruptions in an otherwise gradually changing landscape composed of a mosaic of plant communities. In extensive, homogeneous plant communities, the abrupt change in species composition, plant cover, phytomass and structure provide variability that otherwise occurs only along natural disturbances. In the region containing the stable, homogeneous plant community the relatively rapidly changing disturbance plant community can be a

positive ecosystem asset. It is here that new species can become established and aid in diversifying the region's ecological characteristics. Although examples of ecosystem simplification occur (e.g. CANOL oil spills), there are also cases of ecological diversification. The removal or partial destruction of a plant community will result in long-term changes that may be positive or negative ecosystem alterations, varying in degree, but essentially permanent.

Finally, there is no evidence to suggest that the plant communities on disturbances are presently stable. However, it appears that the rate of change varies with the type of disturbance and the plant community in which it occurred. In any case, it is difficult to predict the point at which structural and floristic stability will be reached and the time required to achieve this result.

5. WILDLIFE UTILIZATION OF CANOL DISTURBANCES

5.1 Introduction

This section deals with that portion of the ecosystem that Dansereau (1971) has referred to as the 'zootrophic' level. Discussion will concentrate on resident species of birds and mammals. The 'lower' orders of animals were not studied. The purpose of these studies was to determine what effects the alterations of soils/substrates and plant communities have had upon resident wildlife. Two purposes of this study were:

1. To identify the species using the disturbances and
2. To ascertain whether CANOL disturbances have affected the amount of wildlife use in these areas.

These studies considered both herbivore and carnivore trophic levels. The small mammals and ptarmigan studies are primary consumers as are the larger ungulates (e.g. moose, sheep, caribou) while foxes and wolves are secondary consumers, preying upon other species. Grizzly bears are omnivores and therefore can be placed at both levels of the food chain. The studies of resident wildlife were designed to complete the analysis of disturbed ecosystems which would then include key components of the abiotic controls, primary producers and first and second order consumers.

In contrast to plants, animals can choose the areas they wish to use for various purposes. By comparing the use of several areas by a particular species it is possible to determine which are preferred for particular activities by that animal. Assessment of use was made directly, through censuses and direct observation, and indirectly by noting evidence of browse or the presence of pellet groupings.

Nomenclature in this chapter follows the taxonomic treatment of Banfield(1977) and Youngman(1975). Final species identification of small mammals was made by Stephen Beare, Department of Zoology, The University of Alberta, on the basis of dentition and pelage.

5.2 Literature Review

Information pertaining to two wildlife inventories is available for the Northwest Territories section of the CANOL Project. The first inventory, in 1944, included reports on mammals and birds (Rand 1945a and 1946 respectively). The second included only the large mammals (Gill 1978). These reports provide inventories of species present in the area but do not discuss the effect of the CANOL Project on this resident wildlife.

Little information is available in the literature regarding the long-term effects of disturbances in their abandoned state on northern wildlife. Pruitt (1970) makes reference to the fact that *Microtus oeconomus* colonized areas on the North Slope of Alaska affected by bulldozer tracks and bladed trails. However, Douglass (1977) and Riewe (1979:63–65), conducted detailed studies on small mammal use of disturbances and concluded that the habitat resulting from seismic line construction was preferred by meadow voles (*Microtus pennsylvanicus*) but not by boreal red-backed voles (*Clethrionomys rutilus*). Both studies were completed in forested sites, with Douglass studying a winter road and Riewe working on bladed trails and seismic lines. Riewe's (1979) studies of disturbances one to six years old, showed an overall decline in small mammal numbers. Lore (1977), working on 50-year-old cart tracks, determined that large and small mammals prefer disturbed habitats. Small mammal trapping success was 8 and 5 times greater than that of controls for *Microtus oeconomus* and *Sorex cinereus* respectively while *Clethrionomys rutilus* was taken only on disturbances. Caribou (*Rangifer tarandus osborni*) preferred the browse available on the trail to that of the undisturbed areas while Ptarmigan utilized the disturbance in greater numbers than on the control sites throughout the year.

5.3 Methods

The data presented are derived primarily from the 1979 summer, and to a lesser extent, from the winter field seasons of 1978 and 1979. Observational data were collected throughout the study. In addition to this, small mammal trapping and wildlife sign transect studies were completed in areas that had previously been sampled for vegetation and substrate information.

5.3.1 Field Methods

5.3.1.1 Small mammal traplines

Small mammal traplines were established and maintained over three trap-nights at each site. It was not possible to fit a large number of traps into the more localized disturbances such as oil spills and bulldozer tracks. Many of the disturbances studied were linear and did not cover a broad area. Consequently it was decided to use a trapline rather than to set traps in a grid pattern. Each trapline consisted of 14 Woodstream Museum Special snap traps baited with a mixture of peanut butter, rolled oats and bacon fat. Lines were limited to 14 traps for two reasons. 1) many of the disturbances covered relatively small areas and could not accomodate large numbers of traps. 2) camp was moved every three days, which involved backpacking all food and equipment for distances of up to 35 km. Consequently, it was necessary to keep the amount of equipment to a minimum. One hundred and thirty traps were carried, weighing 6 kg. With these traps, nine lines could be run simultaneously. All lines were placed through the centres of disturbances in order to minimize the edge effect and each was checked twice daily, in early morning and late evening. Trapped animals were sexed, measured and weighed and the skulls and skins were retained for final identification.

5.3.1.2 Wildlife sign transects

A belt transect 2 m wide and 65 m long was established at each site. Within this area, droppings (i.e. individual scats or pellet groups), tracks and other signs were identified and counted. In all cases, the transect ran through the centre of the area under study and included as many microsites as was practical while still remaining representative of the general area. Usually, the belt transect paralleled the trapline and included the vegetation quadrats.

A log of animal sitings was maintained during the summer of 1979 and in the winter field seasons. In this, species, sex, number of animals and location were recorded with comments on behaviour and other points of interest. Less detailed observations were made in the 1977 and 1978 summer field seasons.

All abandoned pipe sections, buildings and bridges were inspected for signs of avian and/or mammal use. When wildlife use was noted in a particular area (i.e. ground

squirrel burrows in gravel pit spoil heaps) , spot observations were recorded.

5.4 Results

5.4.1 Small Mammal Traplines

A total of 121 traplines were run with 42 trap-nights at each.¹³ Twenty-eight traplines were located on control sites. Twenty-nine small mammals and thirteen birds were taken over 5,061 trap-nights, giving a success ratio of 0.83 animals (including birds) or 0.57 small mammals in 100 trap-nights. Table 5.1 illustrates that roads and bladed trails had success rates equal to those of the controls, and rates on gravel pit access roads were even higher. Success rates on the other disturbance types were lower than those of the control sites.

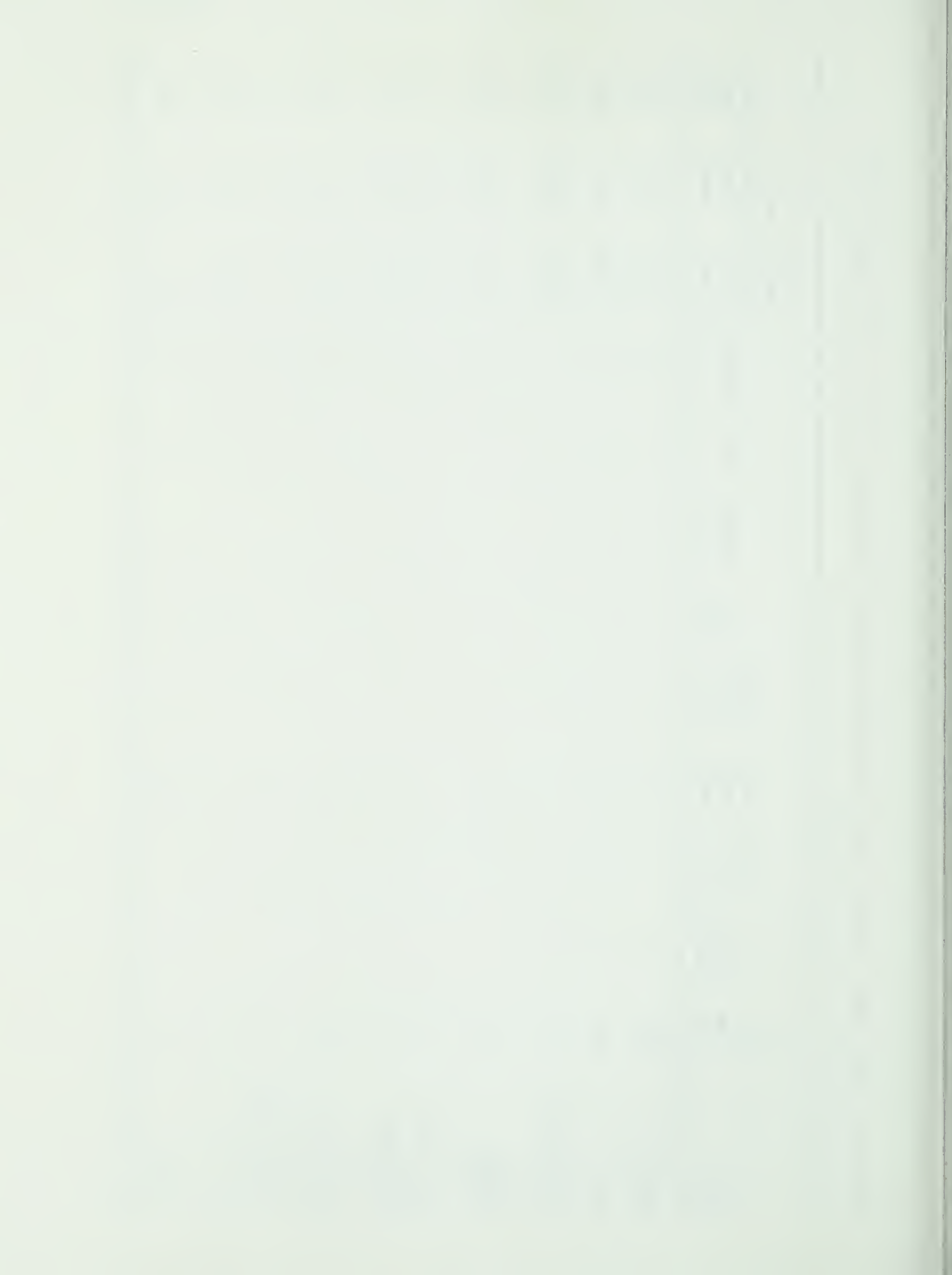
Two major factors contributed to the low trapping success. Firstly, small mammal populations were low and secondly, traps were often triggered by evasive animals, hail or heavy rain and therefore were not effective if visited subsequently during that trapping period by small mammals. Ground squirrels presented a major problem, since they were numerous, attracted to the bait and too large to be captured. Traps sprung and robbed of bait accounted for 107 trap-nights and on four occasions, 100% of the traps in a line were tripped and robbed. On eleven occasions more than 75% of a trapline was tripped by rain or hail. In tall, shrub-dominated areas rain or hail triggered traps on the relatively exposed, disturbed sites more frequently than on controls. Altogether, 451 or 8.9% of the total 5,061 trap-nights were lost. If the success rate is recalculated, subtracting this number from the total trapping nights, it is 0.91 animals or 0.63 small mammals each 100 trap-nights (Table 5.1).

These results are comparable to those from undisturbed tundra regions. Martell and Pearson (1978) and Martell and Fuller (1979) reported 0.44 to 1.47 animals each 100 trap-nights over a 3 yr period at Tununuk Pt., N.W.T. The mean summer success rate was 0.86 averaged over the 3 yr period. Plant communities were dominantly sedge meadows and shrub tundra. Fuller et.al. (1977) averaged 0.646 *Dicrostonyx groenlandicus* in 100 trap-nights on Truelove Lowland. Four habitat types were sampled there.

¹³One site had only seven traps for a total of 21 trap-nights because of space limitations

Table 5.1: Small mammal trapline results from CANOL Project disturbances, N.W.T., June to August 1979

| Site Type | No. of trap lines | Varying Lemming | Least Chipmunk | Red-backed Vole | Long-tailed Vole | Meadow Vole | Heather Vole | Pika | Avifauna | Success rate in 100 trap-nights | | |
|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------|--------------|------|----------|---------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| | | | | | | | | | | All animals | Small mammals | Effective trap-nights |
| Control | 28 | 3 | | 5 | 1 | | | 1 | 2 | 1.12 | 0.93 | 1,073 |
| Road | 28 | 2 | | 2 | | | | 1 | 6 | 1.09 | 0.50 | 1,008 |
| False Start Road | 3 | | | 1 | | | | | | 0.80 | 0.80 | 125 |
| Bladed Trail | 14 | | | 5 | | | | | 1 | 1.11 | 0.92 | 541 |
| Camp Yard | 1 | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 35 |
| Bulldozer Track | 9 | | | 3 | | | | | | 0.92 | 0.92 | 327 |
| Gravel Pit | 24 | | | 1 | | | | | 1 | 0.21 | 0.11 | 947 |
| Gravel Pit Access Road | 9 | | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | | 3 | 1.70 | 0.85 | 353 |
| Oil Spill | 5 | | | | | 1 | | | | 0.50 | 0.50 | 201 |
| Totals | 121 | 5 | 1 | 18 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 13 | $\bar{x}=0.91$ | $\bar{x}=0.63$ | 4,610 |



The values presented in Table 5.1 take all of the lost trap-nights into consideration. Based on the corrected values for all animals, trapping success rates on controls were only slightly higher than those of bladed trails, roads and bulldozer tracks (Table 5.1). Gravel pit access roads had approximately 50 % higher success rates than were recorded for controls. Small mammal trapping success rates were highest and approximately equal on controls, bladed trails and bulldozer tracks (Table 5.1). Lowest success was found on the camp yard site (0.0 %) and in gravel pits (0.11 %). Success rates on road and oil spill sites were equal and slightly below average while those of false start roads and gravel pit access roads were well above the mean (Table 5.1).

Seven species of small mammals were trapped:

1. Red-backed vole (*Clethrionomys rutilus*)
2. Varying lemming (*Dicrostonyx torquatus*)
3. Long-tailed vole (*Microtus longicaudus*)
4. Meadow vole (*M. pennsylvanicus*)
5. Least chipmunk (*Eutamias minimus*)
6. Pika (*Ochotona princeps*)
7. Heather vole (*Phenacomys intermedius*)

The following four species of birds were trapped accidentally:

1. Water pipit (*Anthus spinoletta*)
2. Baird's sandpiper (*Calidris bairdii*)
3. Lapland longspur (*C. lapponicus*)
4. White-crowned sparrow (*Zonotrichia leucophrys*)

5.4.2 Wildlife Sign Transects

A total of 132 transects were run, including 33 on control sites. The presence of resident wildlife was noted in the transects through signs such as pellet groupings and tracks. There was also evidence of small mammal activity in many areas. The most common large mammal was the woodland caribou, with sign on 56 transects. Least common were the red fox and the pika, each found on two transects (Table 5.2). Much evidence of Willow and Rock Ptarmigan (*Lagopus lagopus* and *L. mutus*) was found in the study area but it was not possible to distinguish between these species on the basis of

sign alone. Numerous other birds were also observed but such sightings were not recorded.

Evidence of use or sightings of the following large mammals was noted:

1. Moose (*Alces alces*)
2. Wolf (*Canis lupus*)
3. Siberian lemming (*Lemmus sibiricus*)
4. Dall's sheep (*Ovis nivicola dalli*)
5. Woodland caribou (*Rangifer tarandus caribou*)
6. Arctic ground squirrel (*Spermophilus parryi*)
7. Ermine (*Mustella erminea*)
8. Wolverine (*Gulo gulo*)
9. Grizzly bear (*Ursus arctos*)
10. Red fox (*Vulpes vulpes*)
11. Marmot (*Marmota caligata caligata*)

By tallying the number of species and groups of animals, a rough index of the diversity of the wildlife using each site can be derived. A perfect diversity index score would be 10, since 10 major categories of animals were recorded (Table 5.2). Controls averaged an index value of seven. Road, bladed trail and bulldozer track sites were used by a greater variety of animals than were controls while camp yard populations were the least diverse with an index value of one (Table 5.2).

5.5 Discussion

Of the methods employed, the transects provided the largest, most comprehensive data base. However, conclusions regarding the effect of CANOL disturbances on resident wildlife are based on all data sets.

5.5.1 Small Mammal Traplines

The low number of small mammals taken from controls indicated that populations in the region were low. In periods of low abundance competition for preferred habitats would be minimal. The fact that several disturbances had populations exceeding those of controls therefore indicates that these man-altered systems were highly desirable and

were selected by small mammals when a choice of habitat types was available.

Many small mammal habitats have been created by the CANOL disturbances. Success rates were relatively low on all types of disturbed sites but were most similar to controls on bladed trails and bulldozer tracks, indicating that small mammal populations have been least affected by these types of disturbances. The long-tailed vole was the only small mammal not found on a disturbance, while, the least chipmunk, meadow vole and heather vole were found only on disturbances (Table 5.1). Insufficient data exist to discuss any trends in detail, however, these data suggest that certain species are more tolerant to disturbance and may even prefer disturbance habitats.

5.5.2 Wildlife Sign Transects

Animal signs confirm the presence of a species in a particular area but do not necessarily indicate what attracted the animal to that area, the type of use, or the amount of time spent there. In some cases, observations supported hypotheses regarding timing and use but sufficient information of this type was not collected to make firm conclusions. However, when viewed together, transect and observational data do provide information regarding species presence/absence and the relative intensity of use of various sites.

Summer droppings of ptarmigan were not detectable on the transects since the summer diet of lush, moist vegetation does not produce the dry, persistent droppings created by the winter diet of buds and twigs. The transect data therefore provide some indication of winter and fall use but not reflect spring or summer ptarmigan activity.

The transect results can be viewed from two perspectives:

1. frequency of use by an animal of a site type (i.e. oil spill) as indicated by a particular type of animal sign (i.e. caribou tracks); and
2. the percentage of sites of a particular type having a given type of animal sign

The first approach gives the magnitude of the differences among controls and disturbances (i.e. 'control corrected' values discussed in Section 3.4), whereas the second provides an indication of site preference based solely on the type of disturbance.

Table 5.2 presents control-corrected values for all disturbances and shows the average control values for comparison. When sign was noted, values on roads were

consistently higher than those of controls, with the exception of moose sign. Small mammal sign was lacking on roads while fox, wolf and bear left no evidence of use on controls. Resident pika were seen on the road but appeared to be residing in adjacent undisturbed areas. False start road values were relatively low, with the exception of arctic ground squirrel diggings and Dall's sheep. Pika and small mammal sign, while evident on control sites, was absent from false start roads. When sign of these animals was found on disturbances, the values were consistently higher than those of the controls.

On bladed trails, caribou sign was more frequent and moose sign much less common than on associated controls. The camp yard had higher values for ptarmigan sign than did its control. A substantial difference was found between small mammal sign on bulldozer tracks and that on controls. Moose sign was less frequent in gravel pits than in controls but, when present, other animals consistently appeared to occur more frequently in the gravel pits. Gravel pit access roads had a higher frequency of caribou tracks and ground squirrel diggings than did their controls. However, evidence of use by pika and other small mammals and game trails was absent.

Oil spills posed a special case since animal sign on these sites could be preserved for long periods of time. The waxy or tarry residue on the surface retains impressions left from animal passage and the chemically hostile substrate harbours few bacteria or fungi capable of decomposing droppings. Consequently, estimates of use on these sites may appear much higher, than is the case relative to other sites. The lack of vegetation on spills offers no opportunity for foraging and associated digging activity. Ground squirrel burrowing sign was also absent.

A tally of the number of animal signs, illustrates how frequently disturbances are used in comparison to control sites (Table 5.2). The sign counts also provide some information regarding magnitude of use in the areas where they are found but do not necessarily reflect the sites' potential for use. Comparisons of the percentage of control sites with a particular sign and the percentage of disturbed sites with that sign suggest site preferences (Table 5.3).

Only one camp yard and three false start roads were sampled and the results recorded for these site types are therefore inconclusive. Game trails, ground squirrel trails and burrows and sign of pika and other small mammals appeared in a greater

Table 5.3: Percentage of wildlife sign transects on control sites and CANOL Project disturbances, N.W.T. with evidence of use, June to August, 1979

| Site Type | Woodland Caribou | | Moose | | Oall's Sheep | | Large Game Trail | Arctic Ground Squirrel | | Pika | | Other Small Mammals | | Red Fox | Wolf | Grizzly Bear | Ptarmigan |
|------------------------|------------------|------|-------|------|--------------|------|------------------|------------------------|------|------|-----|---------------------|------|---------|------|--------------|-----------|
| | Trk | Drop | Trk | Drop | Trk | Drop | | Oig | Burw | Drop | Res | Drop | Burw | | | | |
| Control | 36 | 6 | 3 | 9 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 30 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| Road | 29 | 14 | 11 | 0 | 4 | 21 | 7 | 18 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 14 | 7 | 32 |
| False Start Road | 67 | 0 | 33 | 0 | 33 | 67 | 33 | 33 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bladed Trail | 50 | 13 | 6 | 25 | 13 | 19 | 0 | 19 | 19 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 13 | 31 |
| Camp Yard | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 |
| Bulldozer Track | 67 | 33 | 11 | 22 | 11 | 0 | 11 | 11 | 44 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 22 | 11 | 11 | 0 | 33 |
| Gravel Pit | 40 | 12 | 8 | 8 | 4 | 12 | 4 | 12 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 |
| Gravel Pit Access Road | 67 | 0 | 11 | 22 | 11 | 22 | 0 | 22 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22 |
| Oil Spill | 57 | 14 | 14 | 29 | 14 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 |

'Trk' track; 'Orop' dropping; 'Oig' digging; 'Burw' burrow; 'Res' resident

'Trk' track; 'Orop' dropping; 'Oig' digging; 'Burw' burrow; 'Res' resident

percentage of the bladed trail transects than of controls. Conversely, Dall's sheep droppings and pika sign were found in a smaller percentage of the bulldozer tracks than of the control sites. Gravel pits and their access roads had fewer game trails, ground squirrel trails, droppings and burrows, and less sign of pikas and other small mammals than did controls. The percentage of the gravel pit access roads with caribou droppings was less than was recorded for the control sites. Similarly, moose sign was less frequent in gravel pits than in undisturbed areas.

5.5.3 Summary Discussion

The trends apparent in the results from the small mammal traplines and wildlife sign transects are further supported by field observations. A summary of the trends and their relevance to resident wildlife responses to CANOL disturbances indicates that not all impacts have been negative in the long-term. Similar trends were noted by Lore (1977) for cart track disturbances on the Burwash Uplands.

For arctic ground squirrels, disturbances have increased the amount of available habitat in some areas. This is particularly important in wet areas where the roads, false start roads, gravel pit access roads or gravel pit spoil heaps provide elevated, well-drained, sites suitable for burrows. In such areas burrow entrance densities of as high as one in every 2 m² were recorded on disturbed sites. Similar densities were noted on naturally occurring elevated sites. Raised sites also offer a broader field of vision for ground squirrels on the lookout for approaching predators. All Camp sites had relatively high populations of ground squirrels. For example, at Camp 80, approximately 23 animals were recorded in 1979 and 8 of these were young of the year. At least 4 adults had burrows beneath camp buildings and all of the CANOL structures were being used for cover. By contrast, no ground squirrels were seen in undisturbed areas on the surrounding Plains of Abraham.

Small groups of bull caribou were observed most frequently approaching and utilizing disturbed sites. Groups of as many as 31 cows and 15 calves were noted using areas to within 0.5 km of disturbances. Only a small number of sightings of groups on disturbances were made and any conclusions require more information in order to test their reliability. Caribou overwinter at lower elevations and none were sighted in the study

area during the winter surveys. A small herd of 8 was seen above R.M.P. 62 in late April 1979.

Solitary caribou frequently altered their line of travel to follow a linear disturbance. This may have been a response to the greater ease of movement afforded by the smoother surfaces, relatively solid footing and lack of encumbering shrub cover that may be found on such features. The herbaceous and woody forage, which often flourishes on these sites, is often composed of forage species that are rare or absent in the undisturbed areas. Furthermore, the view from an elevated surface is less restricted, an important factor where predators are concerned, and such areas are more open to the wind, thereby providing a cooler, relatively insect pest-free area.

Fewer data were collected for moose than for caribou, indicating that moose seldom used these disturbances. Unlike caribou, moose are primarily browsers and prefer to travel through dense shrub vegetation. They spend much of their time in wetlands and are therefore unhindered by unsure footing. Their thick hides protect them from many of the small, biting insect pests that bother caribou and heat stress is not a problem, since moose generally have easy access to water bodies that remain cool throughout the summer. Consequently the firm, raised surfaces created by the CANOL Project provide no great advantage for this species. The location of the road also may be an important factor since preferred moose habitat, the wetlands was, understandably avoided by constructors whenever possible. Consequently, preferred moose habitat and CANOL disturbances tend to be mutually exclusive. A number of moose trails were seen during the winter in the western end of the study area. One of these extended along the road for several hundred meters but most crossed at various angles without significant directional changes.

Observational data indicate that sheep encountering roads will usually follow them, utilizing the roadbed for travel and sporadic grazing. This was noted most frequently in the Plains of Abraham area, where the flat plateau surface offers an unrestricted view enabling alert sheep to spot approaching predators with ample time to seek out the nearby refuge offered by the nearby cliff walls.

The road is the major disturbance in the Blue Mountain area as it generally follows the contours around the mountain. The winding route of the road, the great elevation

change and the large number of draws provide many hidden approaches to predators for stalking prey. Sheep in this area were seen primarily on the steeper slopes above the road where there was ready access to escape routes, and they tended to move up and down the face of the slopes at right angles to the road rather than follow along it. At Pump Station No. 4, several separate bands of sheep moved into the camp yard during the day to feed on herbaceous and woody forage. In this case, the cliff immediately behind the camp provided an escape route.

During the winter, when travel routes intercept disturbances that offer less impediment to movement (a result of harder, thinner snow cover), sheep were often noted to alter course to follow these until conditions changed.

Foxes and wolves were frequently seen moving along the road. The increased range of view and reduced impediment to movement were undoubtedly important factors in this preference. However, the relatively high concentrations of prey species such as ground squirrels and ptarmigan may also be important. The large ptarmigan populations in the western half of the study area are probably an important summer food source for resident canines.

Ptarmigan are the most frequent users of the road, particularly where it passes through shrub tundra. These ground dwelling birds seldom fly, preferring to run from predators, and to take flight only as a last resort. The road, gravel pit access roads, gravel pits, and in some cases, bladed trails provide sites where ground-level vegetation is often sparse and footing is firm. When such sites are linear they offer ideal escape routes from predators. Elevated disturbances also supply exposed sources of crop gravel during the winter and dry sites for summer dust baths. In all seasons, ptarmigan strongly prefer disturbed sites to undisturbed areas. The transect results, which reflect winter use only support this (Table 5.2). The only winter sighting of wildlife of any kind on the Plains of Abraham was a pair of Rock Ptarmigan browsing on *Salix alaxensis* along a bladed trail.

Rand (1946) noted Cliff Swallows along the CANOL route. However his easternmost record was made at R.M.P. 218W (110 km west of Macmillan Pass) and "a colony of twelve to eighteen birds was seen under a new wooden bridge" at Ross River (1946:47). Currently, Cliff Swallows are found in buildings and under bridges throughout

the western portion of the study area and have extended their range as far east as R.M.P. 208. Prior to 1945, these birds were nesting at Ross Post on long established buildings and so were able to quickly colonize the newly created nesting sites provided by the CANOL Project structures. Their current distribution suggests that they have yet to occupy CANOL tundra sites further to the east.

The swallows are only one example of a species able to utilize some of the micro-habitats created by the Project above timberline. Other examples include the birds taken in the traps (Section 1.4). Their presence indicates that the local avifauna utilize many of the disturbances. More information is necessary in order to clarify these interactions.

The presence of a bushytail woodrat at Camp 208 indicates that opportunities exist for the transplanting of exotic species into these areas. With the establishment of breeding populations, exotic species could then compete with native species for the available resources.

5.6 Conclusions

It is evident that most of the disturbed areas associated with the CANOL Project are currently used by resident wildlife. However, not all disturbances are utilized to the same degree. Preferences may be related to a wide variety of local environmental characteristics, including snow distribution, snowpack characteristics, vegetation structure and composition, substrate characteristics and attitude of the disturbance. Not all species utilize disturbed sites to the same degree or for the same reasons. The effects of linear disturbances are similar in many ways to those of riparian systems. Both pass through otherwise homogeneous areas and thereby increase habitat diversity. Such 'edge' or 'ecotone' habitats can be areas of enhanced wildlife productivity (Odum 1971). However, some disturbances such as oil spills and some gravel pits are essentially sterile and have resulted in reductions in the amount of available habitat.

These abandoned CANOL disturbances were 34 to 36 years old in 1979. They displayed quite different characteristics shortly after their initiation. Following abandonment, there may well have been several years or more during which disturbances were avoided by wildlife. Reasons could include the relative sterility of these sites which

supported little forage and the presence of something 'new' in the environment to which animals were as yet unaccustomed.

6. A SYNTHESIS OF THE LONG-TERM ECOLOGICAL CONSEQUENCES OF CANOL DISTURBANCES

6.1 Introduction

Data and discussions in the previous chapters have dealt individually with the major components of the ecosystems affected by the CANOL disturbances – substrate, vegetation and wildlife. However, little of the interaction among these components was discussed. Therefore the purpose of this chapter is to present a more integrated approach, recognizing the importance of the interaction of the main components and interrelationships effecting the production of unique responses to environmental alterations. This is in accordance with the overall purposes of the study (Section 1.3). In part, this is accomplished by the presentation of schematic illustrations or models of the environments and the differences that exist between disturbed and undisturbed ecosystems.

As in other chapters, this discussion is based upon plant communities. With this approach, the environmental alterations resulting from each type of disturbance can be compared within one type of tundra.

6.2 Ecological Consequences of CANOL Disturbances

The choice of parameters discussed below was based upon the relative importance of each component and the amount of data available. Substrate moisture content, particle size composition, organic matter content and temperature in the upper rooting zone are all considered important factors influencing plant colonization and geomorphological processes. Plant productivity and cover are major indicators of plant community responses and will also affect use of the area by most resident wildlife. However, pellet/scat counts of the most common wildlife species are considered since, of the data available, these were felt to reflect most accurately the level of use by resident wildlife. Ground squirrel droppings were seldom seen, though this was by far the most common mammal in the study area. Therefore, transect counts of ground squirrel diggings, associated with foraging, were used as an indicator of relative degree of use by this species.

The interrelationships of parameters within each of these groups are complex, as are the interactions between groups. A change in one parameter may affect another and this, in turn, may alter the initial component. An example of such a feedback interaction can be seen where a road produces a raised, well-drained surface. The road shoulders are moister than the centre of the road due to the concentration of runoff and relatively low compaction on these sloping surfaces. As a result, *Salix alaxensis* colonizes the shoulder more readily and the erect shrubs trap drifting snow which, upon melting, further enhances the substrate's moisture status.

The illustrations that are provided present the mean value for each parameter for the controls sampled. This is followed by the mean of the differences from the controls that were found for each disturbance type studied in that community (see Sections 3.3 and 4.2.3.2 for elaboration).

6.2.1 Erect Deciduous Shrub Tundra

The key differences between most disturbances and their controls in this plant community were in greater gravel content and lower organic content in the surface layers (Figure 6.1). Such changes have led to reduced moisture content and higher temperatures on disturbances. Exceptions to this occurred on oil spills and bulldozer tracks. Substrate differences have provided conditions for plant community development on disturbances that have only some characteristics in common with control communities. The area of bare ground was greater and phytomass much reduced on all types of disturbances. Based on similarity coefficients, it appears that local species are well adapted for colonization and can survive limited surface disturbance. Where surface organics were mixed with mineral material (i.e. false start road and camp yard sites), floristic diversity was enhanced. These changes have provided wildlife habitat on disturbances that was preferred by most resident species. Key factors in this development are the availability of preferred forage and greater ease of movement with no reduction in the availability of cover.

Overall, oil spill disturbances appear to have least in common with the control sites (Figure 6.1). Variations on this type of disturbance are reflected most directly through botanical responses since the major substrate alterations were chemical rather

than physical. Gravel pit access roads consistently were most similar to undisturbed areas with respect to substrate and botanical characteristics, followed closely by bulldozer tracks which showed greater increases in use by resident wildlife.

Several trends became apparent from the control-corrected data analysis (Figure 6.1). Moisture content increases parallel increases in organic matter, suggesting that these two parameters are strongly interdependent. Organic matter absorbs water and reduces losses through evaporation and surface/subsurface drainage and increased moisture leads to the greater accumulation of organic material.

The fine sand and silt/clay content was the only substrate component with alteration trends paralleling those of botanical parameters. As the fine particle content increases, so do above-ground phytomass and species richness. Although phytomass was greatly reduced on all disturbances in this community, reductions were least on those sites with the higher fine particle fraction. Finer particles would retain moisture and supply nutrients more readily than would coarser substrate materials. These trends are apparent for most disturbance types, with the notable exception of oil spills.

Use by woodland caribou appears to increase with increasing above-ground phytomass. Much of the phytomass on disturbances in this type of tundra was in the form of shrubs such as *Salix alaxensis* and *S. planifolia* (Figure 6.1). Caribou often have been observed browsing on these species, suggesting that they forage on disturbances because of their greater willow cover. Greater use by moose generally paralleled increases in vascular plant cover, suggesting a relationship between their presence and the availability of preferred browse. Arctic ground squirrel use increases as substrate moisture and organic content decline relative to control values. These rodents generally select burrow and foraging areas that are well-drained and have thin organic layers. Disturbances such as roads and gravel pit overburden spoil heaps provide such habitats.

6.2.2 Decumbent Shrub Tundra

Disturbance substrates in this community vary considerably from those of the controls. In all cases, gravel content has increased and organic matter decreased (Figure 6.2). This occurs to a greater extent on bulldozer tracks than on other, seemingly more

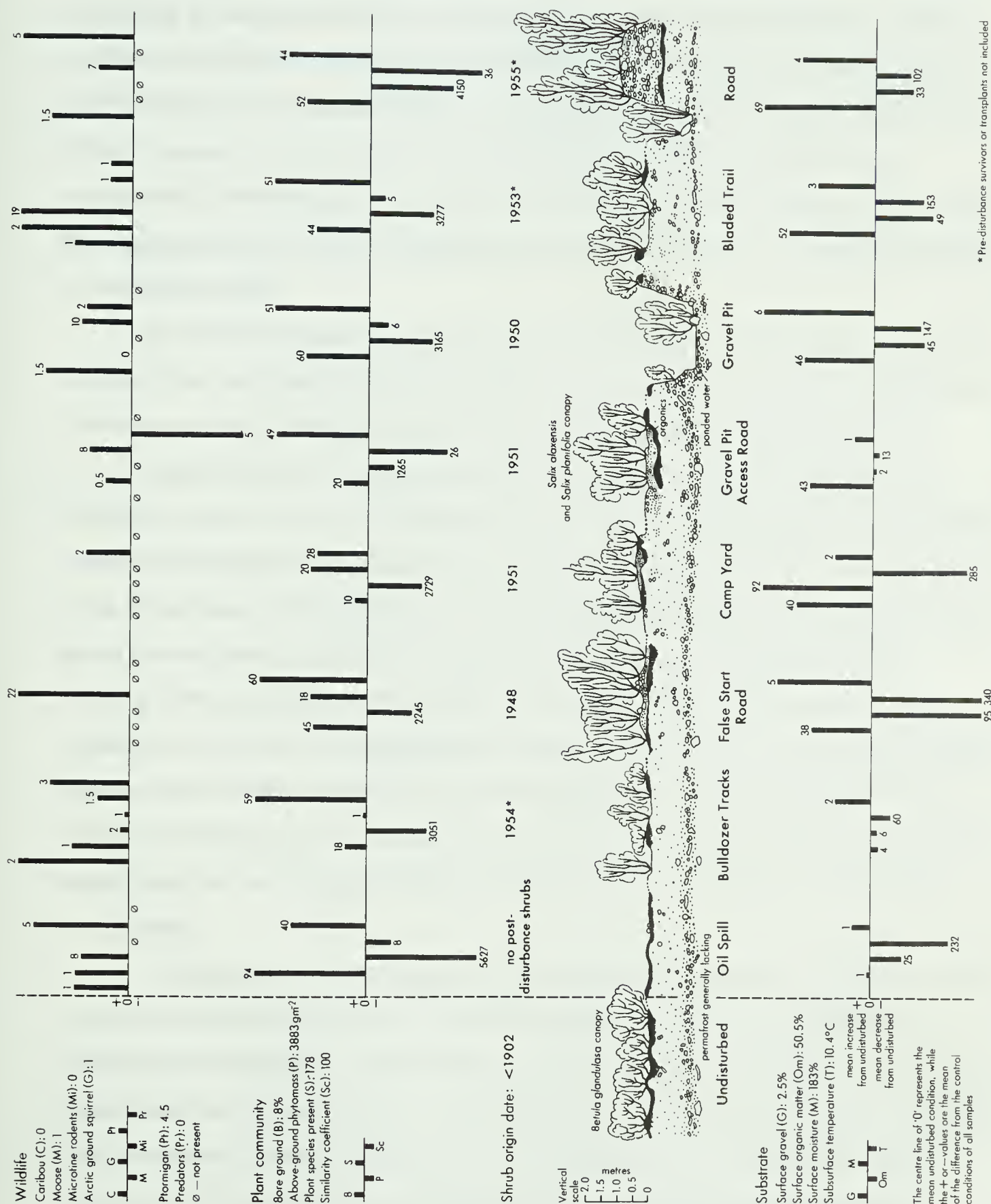


Figure 6.1 Idealized section with selected ecological characteristics of CANOL Project disturbances in Erect Deciduous Shrub Tundra, N.W.T.

disruptive, disturbances. Moisture content was generally lower and temperatures higher than on undisturbed sites. Plant communities reflected these differences with a greater percentage of bare ground and a simplified species composition. However, similarity coefficients indicate that disturbance communities were reasonably similar to those of their controls. An important exception to this trend occurred on oil spills, where little floristic similarity to control plant communities was indicated. Phytomass on all disturbances was much lower than that of control communities. Resident wildlife used disturbances and all but Dall's sheep demonstrated a preference for these sites relative to undisturbed areas.

The greatest impacts in this type of tundra appear to have been associated with oil spills. Many disturbances were very similar in their degree of variation from control conditions and it is difficult to describe any one type as having been least altered.

Several trends and relationships between relative values of parameters are apparent from the control-corrected data (Figure 6.2). Increasing gravel content generally paralleled increasing above-ground phytomass. This probably was due to the greater tall shrub cover found on disturbances with gravelly substrates (e.g. roads, false start roads, gravel pits and gravel pit access roads)(Figure 6.2). With few exceptions, higher above-ground phytomass corresponded with higher organic content. This is to be expected, as a rise in one would enhance directly the production of the other. Increasing sand-silt/clay content corresponds with smaller declines in organic matter and lower subsurface temperatures. The insulation afforded by the organic material would reduce ground heat flux and therefore result in temperatures more similar to those of the control sites.

As the organic matter content of these substrates increases, so does the floristic similarity of disturbed and control sites. This can be a result of a lower degree of disturbance, as reflected in organic matter. However, the lack of organic material is also a major factor limiting the survival of local species on disturbances in this plant community. This relationship is further supported by the fact that cover by lichens, a dominant component of this community, corresponds with increases in both above ground phytomass and substrate organic matter content. As vascular plant cover increases, so does species richness. However, no such relationship with lichen and bryophyte cover

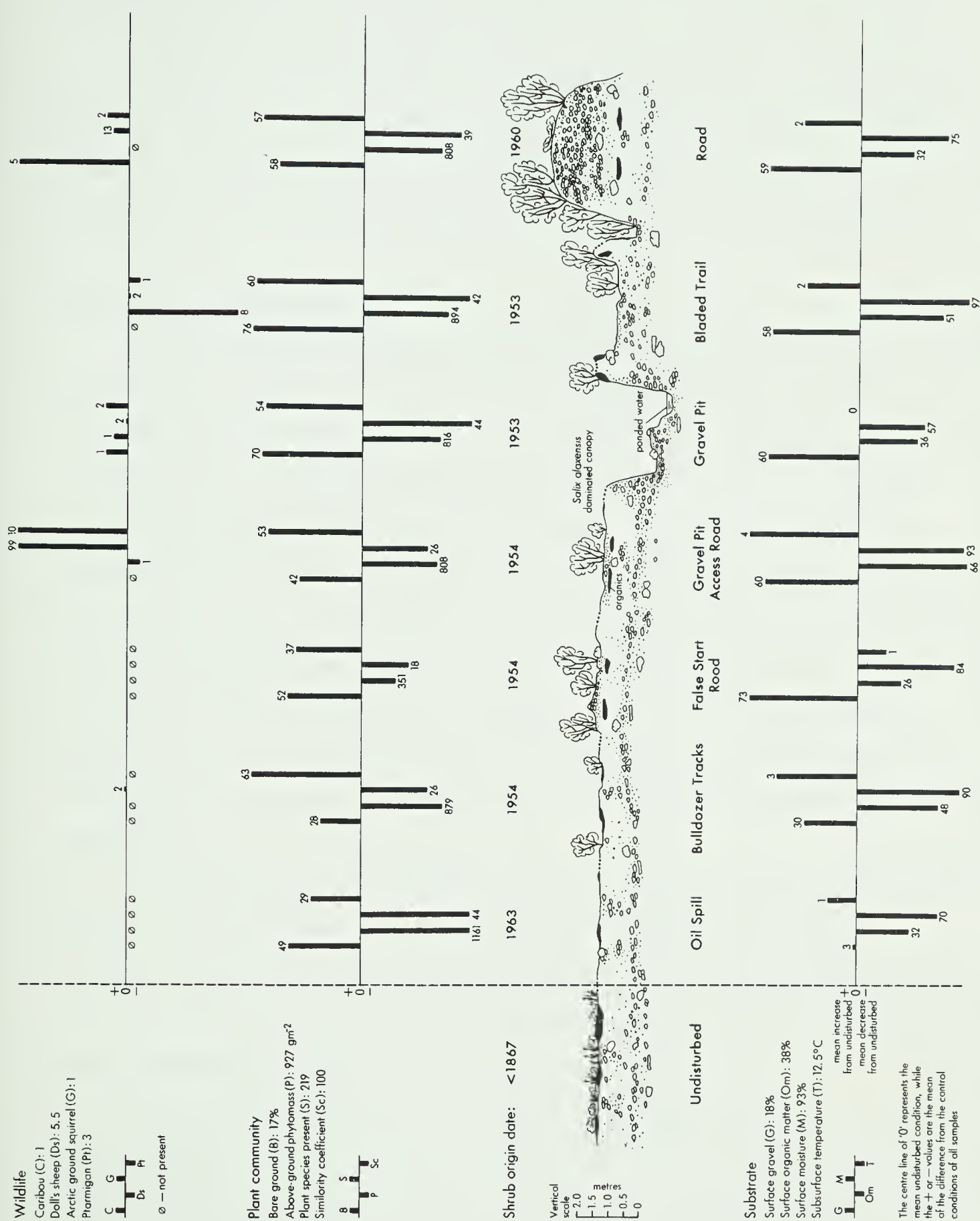


Figure 6.2 Idealized section with selected ecological characteristics of CANOL Project disturbances in Decumbent Shrub Tundra, N.W.T.

was noted, indicating that the number of species present on disturbed sites was controlled most directly by vascular plant taxa.

Caribou, rodent and ptarmigan use all declined as the amount of bare ground increased. This was probably a direct response to reductions in forage and cover, suggesting that disturbed sites in this community were preferred because of the presence of new plant species, rather than the absence of control characteristics.

6.2.3 Sedge Meadow Tundra

Organics dominate the soils in this plant community. However, some disturbances were mineral-dominated when excavated into or constructed above predisturbance surfaces (Figure 6.3). Excavations in the organics resulted in the concentration of surface water and greater soil moisture. Subsurface temperatures increased when gravel produced drier soil conditions. Plant communities on disturbances were markedly different from those of their controls, despite little substrate difference in some cases. Bare ground increased substantially on most sites, coupled with a decline in phytomass. Disturbance plant communities were more complex structurally as a result of the growth of an erect shrub layer. This resulted in increased cover and preferred forage for wildlife. However, where surfaces had been lowered (i.e. Gravel pits and bladed trails), views were more restricted and footing less sure and as a result animals avoided these disturbances.

Considering all of the parameters presented in Figure 6.3, oil spills and roads have had by far the greatest impact in this community. The substrate and botanical characteristics of bulldozer tracks are most similar to those of the controls but levels of wildlife use were significantly higher on this disturbance. Conditions on bladed trails were similar, but the pattern less clear.

Several trends are apparent from the control-corrected data (Figure 6.3). Relative increases in moisture content parallel increases in both sand-silt/clay and organic matter content. The water-holding capacity of the finer particles and organic material would enhance substrate moisture content on disturbances where these components were greater than in controls. The large increase in moisture on bladed trails was due to depressions associated with these features and the subsequent ponding of water. The

relationship between increasing gravel content and rising subsurface temperatures was expected, since these raised, dry substrates with free drainage should generally be warmer.

Increasing moisture content also corresponded with decreasing bare ground and increasing floristic similarity with controls, suggesting that moisture is the major factor determining the success or failure of local species invading disturbances in this community. Bryophyte and lichen cover increases were inversely related to the amount of bare ground, indicating that these were the most important recolonizers in this type of tundra and that these plants were best suited to colonizing sites where limiting factors were minimal. Excluding road sites, a direct relationship is also apparent between bryophyte, lichen and vascular plant cover values and species richness. This suggests that a variety of species, rather than one or two dominant plant types, were responsible for relatively high cover values on disturbances in this community.

Rodents were found only on the three disturbance types with the highest total plant cover. This could be a reaction to the greater availability of food or to the increased amount of cover and protection from predators. Dall's sheep and ptarmigan, on the other hand, were found only on the two sites with the least plant cover, suggesting that they selected sites for reasons such as ease of movement and unrestricted view. The presence of exposed, mineral surfaces, rarely found in undisturbed areas, provided ptarmigan with crop stones and silt in dried puddle beds was often used for dust baths by both sheep and ptarmigan.

6.2.4 Lichen Heath Tundra

In Lichen Heath Tundra, disturbances produced substrates with more gravel and less surface organic matter than was found under control conditions. These changes produced drier, warmer substrates and resulted in less plant cover and lower phytomass values than were recorded from control sites. Bladed trails had greater species richness and the greatest floristic similarity with controls. Other disturbances had low similarity coefficients. Structural changes resulted from the growth of *Salix* shrubs and may explain, in part, why wildlife sign was noted only on those disturbances where increased cover, ease of movement and enhanced field of vision were afforded.

Considering all of the major ecological characteristics, oil spills have had the greatest impact in this plant community. Roads and bladed trails are most similar to control sites, but all disturbances have resulted in substantial changes from control conditions.

Several trends are evident among disturbances in this plant community (Figure 6.4). Declines in bryophyte cover parallel increases in moisture since the most common colonizers in this group, *Polytrichum* species, prefer drier substrates. The greater the degree of floristic similarity with controls, the greater the species richness. Therefore, local species have been most successful in invading these disturbances and these habitats are capable of supporting a wide variety of plants. However, when revegetation was limited to a few species, these generally came from areas outside of the associated controls, indicating that local species could not survive or were poorly adapted for colonization of sites that had been substantially altered by the disturbances.

Reductions in the amount of bare ground parallel increases in substrate organic content, above-ground phytomass and vascular plant cover. This suggests that vascular plants form the major portion of the phytomass on these disturbances, and as such, contribute directly to the rate of accumulation of organic matter. High organic content would also enhance plant growth and is probably a major factor controlling the success of the vascular plants colonizing these disturbances. Lichen cover was much lower on disturbed sites than on controls in this plant community while subsurface temperatures were dramatically higher. The lichen layer would reduce ground heat flux and consequently its removal would enhance heat penetration during the summer.

6.2.5 Fruticose Lichen Tundra

The increase in gravel and removal of surface organic matter produced drier substrates on all disturbances in Fruticose Lichen Tundra (Figure 6.5). Total bare ground was greater and phytomass much reduced on all disturbances relative to control conditions. However, species richness was greater than that of the controls on all disturbances with the exception of gravel pits. Similarity coefficients show that plant communities on disturbances were not radically different from those of the undisturbed areas. Since wildlife sign was greater on all disturbances and no sign was found in the



Figure 6.4 Idealized section with selected ecological characteristics of CANOL Project disturbances in Lichen Heath Tundra, N.W.T.

contols sampled, it is evident that there was a strong preference for disturbances. Disturbances have provided wildlife habitats not otherwise available in this type of tundra. Significant factors in this would include increases in cover, forage availability, ease of movement and field of view.

Considering all three groups of parameters studied, bulldozer tracks are most similar to the control areas, followed closely by gravel pit access roads. No disturbance was consistently least similar to the control sites. However, roads showed several of the greatest differences throughout and were greatly preferred by wildlife. Roads are therefore considered to have had the greatest long-term impact in this plant community.

Certain relationships and trends emerge from analyses of the control-corrected data (Figure 6.5). Increases in gravel content generally parallel increases in subsurface temperature as the coarser substrates are more capable of conducting heat energy. However, for this reason, the warmest substrates during the summer could also be among the coldest during the winter. With the exception of road sites, increases in temperature correspond with decreases in phytomass, suggesting that extreme surface temperatures are a major factor limiting plant production on disturbances in this community.

Increases in species richness correspond with increasing vascular plant cover values, indicating that vascular plants are the most important component contributing to species diversity on these disturbances. Increases in phytomass correspond with declines in similarity coefficients, suggesting that those species producing the greatest percentage of the phytomass on disturbed sites were migrating in from other areas. The three types of disturbances with the highest vascular plant cover and highest species richness were the only sites with sign of ptarmigan or caribou use. In addition to this, increasing use by Dall's sheep corresponded with increases in vascular plant cover and species richness. Since no one species consistently had high cover values on disturbances, it seems probable that these animals were selecting sites on the basis of the diversity of vascular plants available for forage and/or cover.

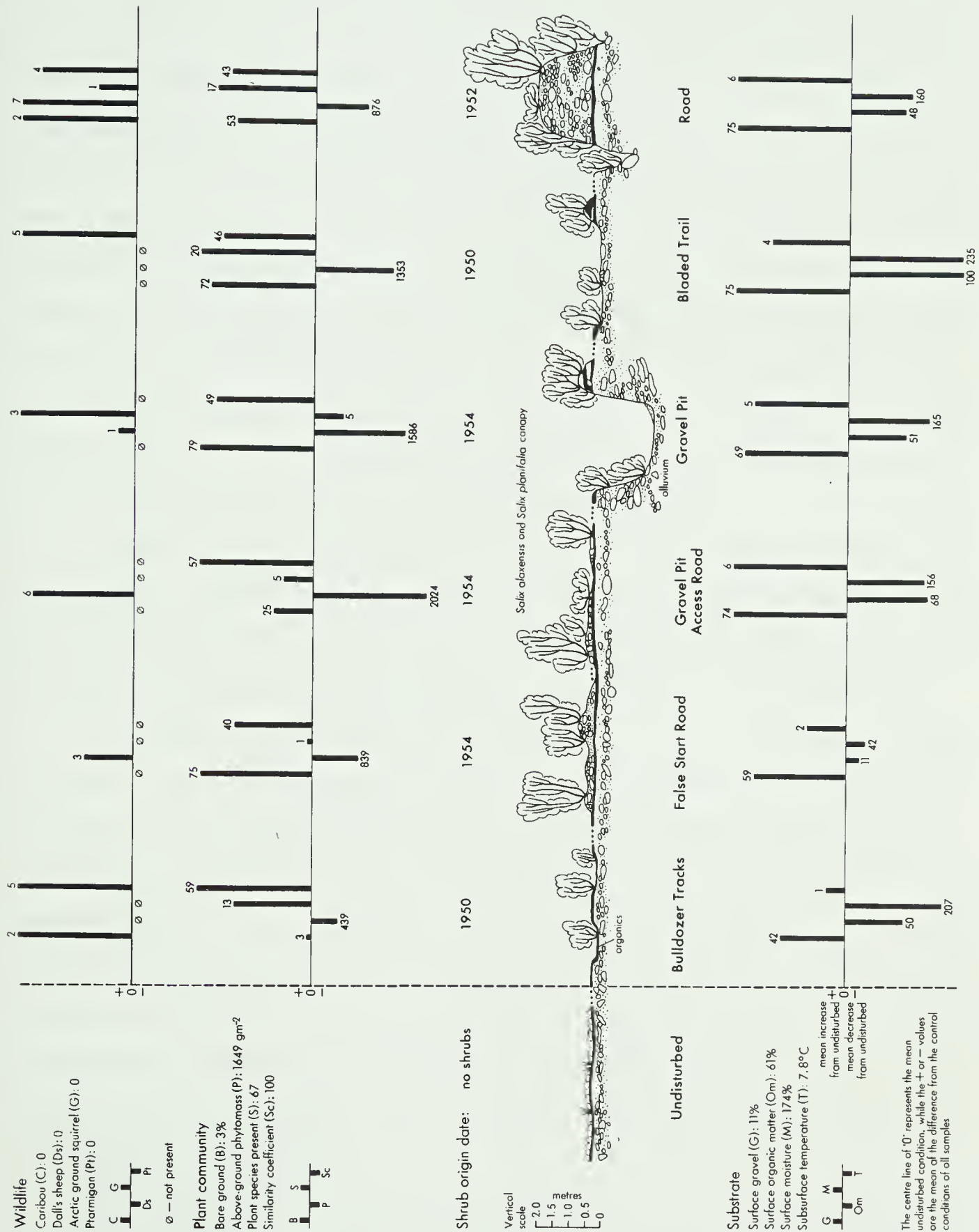


Figure 6.5 Idealized section with selected ecological characteristics of CANOL Project disturbances in Fruticose Lichen Tundra, N.W.T.

6.2.6 Cushion Plant Tundra

In Cushion Plant Tundra, most disturbances had substantial increases in gravel content relative to their controls. However, moisture and organic matter content varied little from control conditions. Subsurface temperatures were warmer than those of undisturbed areas on bladed trails and roads only. Since control sites were bare for an average of 57% of their surface (Figure 6.6), the increases in bare ground found on all disturbances were small, relative to those recorded from other communities. Phytomass and species richness was lower on all disturbance types than in control areas. However, despite this, floristic similarity coefficients were high. Resident wildlife demonstrated a preference for disturbed areas. On roads, the presence of preferred forage (*Salix alaxensis*) and a smooth travel way attracted both sheep and ptarmigan. Overall, gravel pit access roads had the least impact on this community. The greatest differences from control conditions were generally associated with road sites.

Several trends are apparent from the control-corrected data presented in Figure 6.6. Increases in gravel content parallel reductions in moisture content. This can be related to the improved drainage of these coarse substrates and the fact that such disturbances are often raised above the surrounding terrain and therefore have increased runoff.

Increases in bare ground parallel decreases in lichen cover, indicating that lichens are found primarily on areas with the largest plant coverage and therefore probably on the least altered disturbances. Increases in fine-textured particles, phytomass and vascular plant cover also appear to be directly related. The relative enhancement of nutrient supply and moisture retention associated with a high fine particle content could result in the improved growth of plants and the consequent accumulation of above-ground phytomass. These substrates would be particularly suitable for the establishment of the vascular plant species colonizing disturbances in this community. These data also suggest that a large percentage of the phytomass on disturbances was produced by vascular plants.

The greatest sign of wildlife use was generally found on those disturbances with the largest bare area. In this type of tundra, the patchy and prostrate control vegetation presents no hindrance to movement or view. However, disturbances do provide relatively warm, often raised or protected areas with few surface irregularities.

6.2.7 Crustose Lichen Tundra

The altered substrate conditions associated with most of the studied disturbances had very different effects in Crustose Lichen Tundra than in other plant communities. These control substrates were gravel-dominated and covered by a dark layer of lichens. Consequently they were generally warm. Gravel pit and road disturbances were more gravelly than control areas but roads contained sufficient fine-textured material to promote greater water retention. In all cases, substrate temperatures on disturbances were lower than those of the controls. Disturbed sites also had greater bare area and less phytomass than was found in control communities. Colonization by vascular plants resulted in increases in species richness and produced plant communities that had little in common with those of undisturbed areas. Overall, gravel pits appear to have had the greatest impact on this community and bladed trails, the least. Several trends are apparent from the control-corrected data (Figure 6.7). Increases in moisture content correspond with increases in vascular plant cover, suggesting that moisture availability is a major factor limiting vascular plant colonization in this type of tundra. Lichen and bryophyte cover increases parallel reductions in bare ground and increases in above-ground phytomass. This would seem to indicate that non-vascular plants are important recolonizers only on those sites with less severe limiting factors. With these increases, species richness declines, suggesting that, under such conditions, a few species of lichens and bryophytes are capable of outcompeting colonizing vascular plants and producing large amounts of phytomass and high plant cover values.

Those disturbances with the greatest floristic similarity to the controls also had the greatest plant cover and above-ground phytomass. This suggests that either the initial disturbances were slight or that local plant species were the most important colonizers. The major floristic change indicated by the low similarity coefficients was produced as a result of a change from a lichen to a vascular plant-dominated plant community and supports the latter approach.

Relatively low values of species richness correspond with high similarity coefficients and the reverse is also true. This suggests that the number of species common to both the control and disturbed site floras may remain constant from one disturbance to the next, with increases in species richness resulting from invasion by

No wildlife sign for undisturbed or disturbed areas

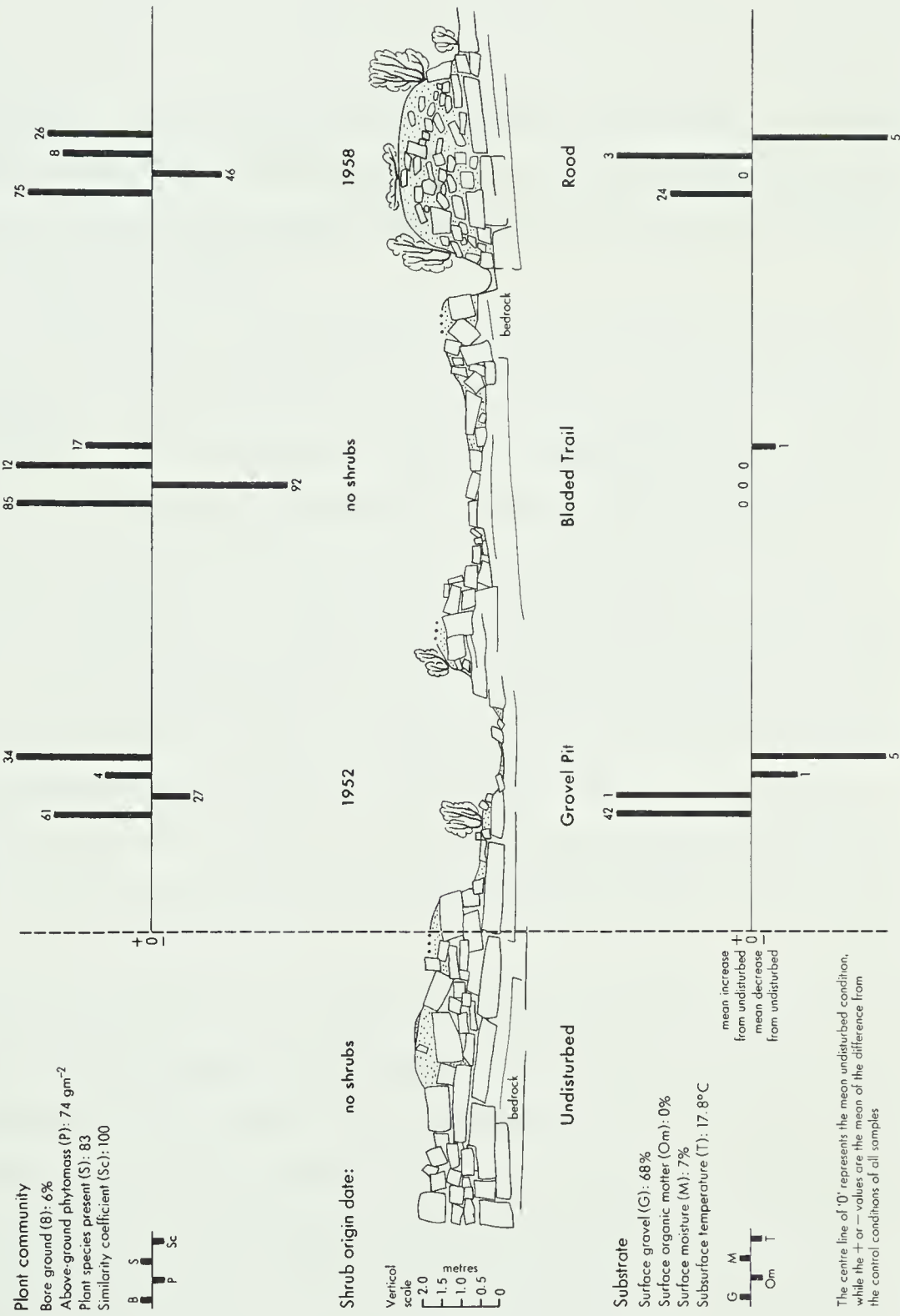


Figure 6.7 Idealized section with selected ecological characteristics of CANOL Project disturbances in Crustose Lichen Tundra, N.W.T.

species from outside of the control community. The presence of vascular plants on disturbances constitutes a significant change in the vegetation. These vascular plants provide resident wildlife with a type of forage not otherwise available in this plant community.

6.2.8 Summary

Figure 6.8 compares the average control-corrected values for each of the major substrate, botanical and wildlife parameters among the seven plant communities. When relevant, both mean increases and decreases relative to the control values are plotted, showing the average level of variation.

With only one exception, gravel content was higher than that of the controls on all disturbance types in all communities, and with two exceptions, organic and moisture content were consistently lower on disturbances than on control sites (Figure 6.8). The coarser substrates of disturbances are the result of the burial or removal of surface organics and have produced drier and warmer environments. Cushion Plant Tundra showed the greatest deviations from undisturbed conditions in gravel and sand-silt/clay content but were among the most similar to controls with respect to organic content, moisture content and subsurface temperature (Figure 6.8) which was to be expected, since control soils were Regosols. Disturbances in Crustose Lichen Tundra had the smallest differences from control values for three substrate parameters since these plant communities occupy blockfields which have some characteristics in common with disturbances.

Cushion Plant Tundra and Crustose Lichen Tundra showed little difference in moss and vascular plant cover values between disturbed and control sites. These two plant communities had coarse, stoney, Regosolic soils that were very similar to those of the disturbances in other types of tundra where the finer surface materials and organics had generally been removed or buried. However, Lichen Heath Tundra showed relatively large differences from control conditions for four substrate parameters. Disturbed substrates in this type of tundra were least similar to those of the controls since they experienced the greatest reductions in organic matter which in turn allowed the substrates to dry out and become warmer than their associated controls (Figure 6.8).

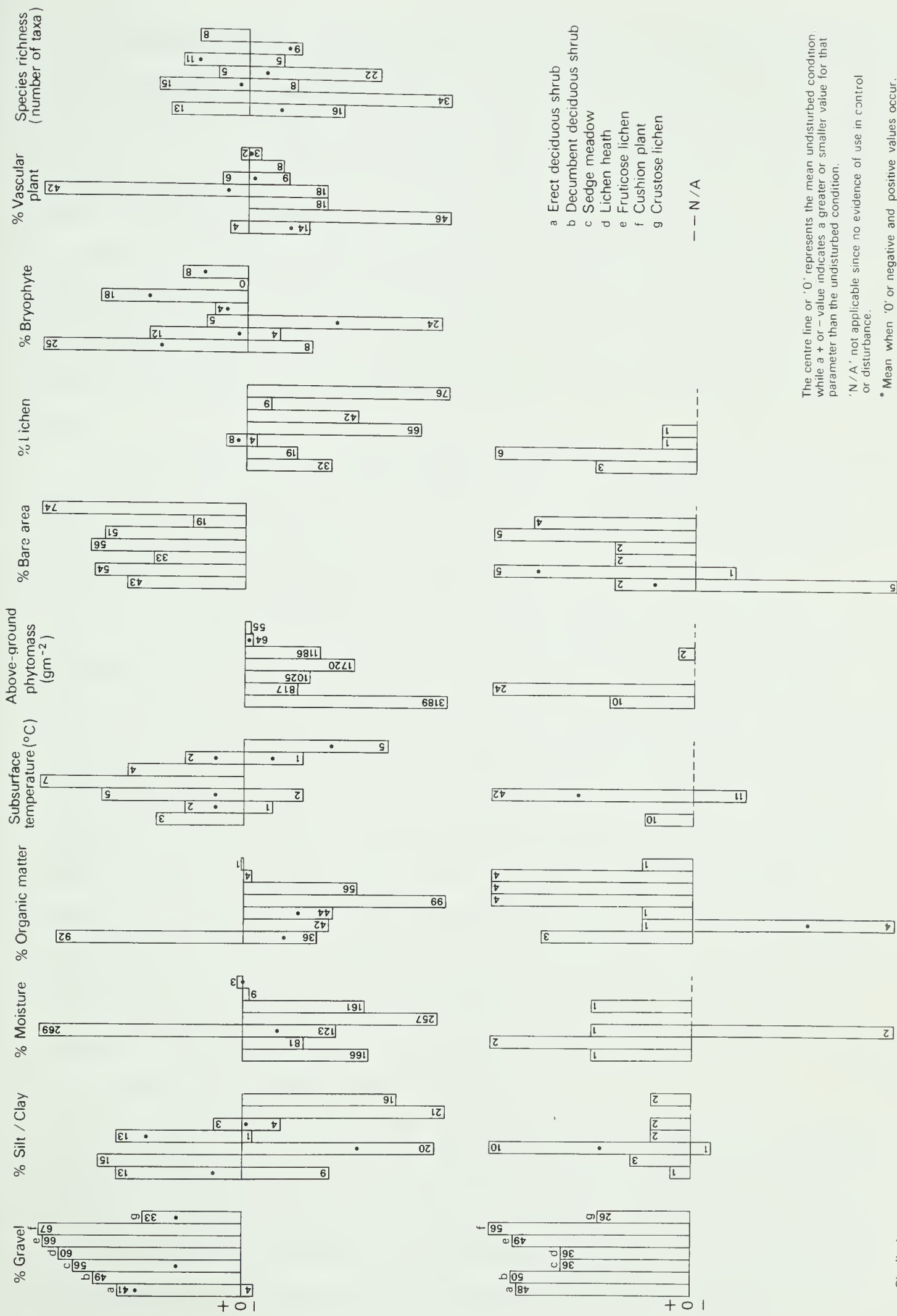


Figure 6.8: Long-term ecological responses to ALL CANOL DISTURBANCES in EACH PHYSIOGNOMIC PLANT COMMUNITY

As a consequence of substrate characteristics that were substantially different from those found under control conditions, all types of disturbances in all plant communities had more bare ground than was found on control stands. Above-ground phytomass was consequently lower in disturbed areas (Figure 6.8). Lichen cover values were also lower on disturbances, with the exception of Sedge Meadow Tundra where they were virtually lacking in the controls. The short time interval since the initial disturbance may also be an important contributing factor. Based on the presence of much older shrubs in control stands (e.g. 165 years old), it may be too soon to determine if recovery will proceed to reestablish conditions more similar to those of the control stands.

Disturbance plant communities in Decumbent Shrub Tundra and Crustose Lichen Tundra were most different from their control stands (Figure 6.8). Decumbent Shrub Tundra had the greatest reduction in species richness but sites in this plant community also had some of the highest floristic similarity values with their control plant communities, indicating that local species were well adapted to colonizing disturbances. Disturbances in Crustose Lichen Tundra also showed increases in species richness relative to control values but had the lowest average similarity coefficient, indicating that in this plant community, even the small differences in substrate characteristics between disturbances and control stands favoured the introduction of 'new' species rather than revegetation by those found in undisturbed areas. This is an environment where slight substrate changes can result in substantial plant community alterations. Botanical differences in Cushion Plant Tundra were slight when compared to those in the other tundra types and disturbance substrates also were most similar to those in the control stands. This does not reflect a lack of disturbance. Roads and gravel pits were constructed here as in other plant communities. However, control characteristics are very similar to those of the disturbed sites in this area.

Results of this study indicate that use of the area by resident wildlife has changed in response to changes in ground surface and plant community characteristics. wildlife data show much higher levels of use on disturbed sites than in control areas in all plant communities (Figure 6.8). Because of its widespread distribution, it seems probable that Erect Deciduous Shrub Tundra was the only community with sign of all of the major

species and/or animal groups. Disturbances in Decumbent Shrub Tundra showed some of the largest differences in wildlife use from control conditions. Variations from controls were slight in Crustose Lichen Tundra. Woodland caribou and Dall's sheep were the only animals found in that community.

It is evident that disturbances initiated 34–36 years ago have produced unique ecological responses in each of the seven plant communities studied. On the basis of the analysis presented in this chapter, Crustose Lichen Tundra has sustained the lowest degree of alteration in the long-term. Despite a relatively high similarity between control and disturbed substrates, Decumbent Shrub Tundra appears to have experienced the greatest overall change with respect to botanical and wildlife characteristics and therefore was most altered by the CANOL disturbances.

6.3 Conclusions

The ecological characteristics of disturbances vary among the seven tundra plant communities studied and are not static. It appears that natural ecosystem rehabilitation is continuing, although it is not necessarily directed towards the recovery of predisturbance conditions. Most disturbance systems increase environmental diversity within otherwise homogeneous areas. CANOL disturbances have effected environmental changes that can be viewed as negative or positive, depending on the perspective taken. Despite the compositional and structural simplification of many plant communities, there are few cases where habitat improvement for resident wildlife has not resulted. These ecological conditions have developed after 34–36 years of abandonment and would not have existed shortly after the termination of the CANOL Project.

7. A discussion of the Implications of CANOL Project Disturbance Studies to Future Northern Developments

7.1 Introduction

Previous discussions have demonstrated that even some minor types of human use of tundra areas can result in environmental alterations and in long-term environmental change. It is commonly assumed that disturbances cause undesirable changes and this may well be true in an aesthetic sense. However, it is difficult, and sometimes perhaps impossible to determine when the overall impact of a disturbance is positive or negative in a particular ecosystem. For example, if the introduction of a new species onto disturbances coincides with the extinction of local plant species, has the overall impact been positive or negative? Regardless of the type of disturbance both positive and negative impacts will usually occur and since the importance of various factors will be weighted differently by different people, one cannot simply compile a balance sheet and treat all ecosystem components as equal.

Earlier chapters have evaluated substrate, botanical and wildlife components of CANOL disturbances and in some cases it can be concluded that the net long-term effect has been negative (e.g. oil spills in most plant communities) or positive (e.g. bulldozer tracks in Fruticose Lichen Tundra or gravel pits in Sedge Meadow Tundra). Natural disturbances in northern environments provide habitat for many resident wildlife species. For example, moose select river bottom locations where preferred forage is available on the annually disturbed flood plain (Wolff and Cowling 1981; Wolff and Zasada 1979). This illustrates that the 'edge' created where a man-induced or natural disturbance passes through an otherwise homogeneous landscape can be an area of concentrated biological activity. The flush of growth noted on burned areas (Wien 1974) and in areas where river silting occurs (Gill 1973) is a response to the release of nutrients and the initial lack of competition for resources such as light and water. Current conditions associated with the CANOL Project indicate that wildlife use of these disturbances is greater than that of undisturbed sites, that floristic diversity can increase after disturbance, that surface temperatures now are generally warmer, etc. Findings such as these support the statement that man-induced disturbances can be similar to natural ecosystem

disturbances.

As no effort was made to rehabilitate CANOL disturbances, it is important to note the nature of these ecological responses after only 34–36 years. Man-induced disturbances can modify existing environmental conditions so that plant productivity is enhanced, so that the growth of forage species preferred by resident herbivores is favoured and so that unencumbered travel-ways are provided for large mammals. If disturbances are managed bearing their long-term evolution in mind, existing ecological units, such as plant communities, could be modified to increase their biological contribution. Man-induced disturbances in relatively sterile environments can improve the area's contribution to the ecosystem by providing less limiting environments for plants, increasing floristic diversity, causing a species shift to preferred forage species that become established, etc. The CANOL Project disturbances, after 34–36 years of unassisted recovery provide examples of these types of changes. However, there are also examples of alterations of substrate parameters resulting in more limiting environments, reductions in the number of plant species and the removal of plants that would otherwise provide forage for resident wildlife. If steps had been taken to enhance rehabilitation by producing less limiting substrates it is probable that revegetation rates would have been faster. By employing appropriate rehabilitation techniques, with sufficient understanding of these ecosystems, it is conceivable that the positive aspects of recovery would have been greater. The fact that unassisted natural recovery proceeds to positive ecological responses suggests that disturbances can and should be managed to produce ecosystem enhancement.

CANOL disturbances were generally linear and therefore affected only a small part of each ecological unit that they passed through. Consequently, they have very large perimeter to area ratios and the opportunities for short distance dispersal by plant disseminules are almost unlimited. In addition, plants propagating by stolons and rhizomes can encroach from the disturbance edge. Disturbances that would affect large areas and/or perhaps completely eliminate the ecological units within their borders (e.g. open pit mines, hydroelectric dams, large hydrocarbon spills, extensive tailings dumps) would probably have much different effects and overall would probably be a negative ecosystem alteration in the long term.

A major concern for environmental managers and ecologists involved in development planning should be the evaluation of the significance of all components of the ecosystem for the perpetuation and maintenance of the system. The relative importance of all ecosystem components will vary from one area to the next and an attempt should be made to determine which factors contribute most significantly to the maintenance of a particular ecosystem and how these will be affected by the development. Then, when faced with the choice of locating facilities, informed decisions can be made as to where to concentrate development by selecting those areas that are most capable of sustaining environmental impacts.

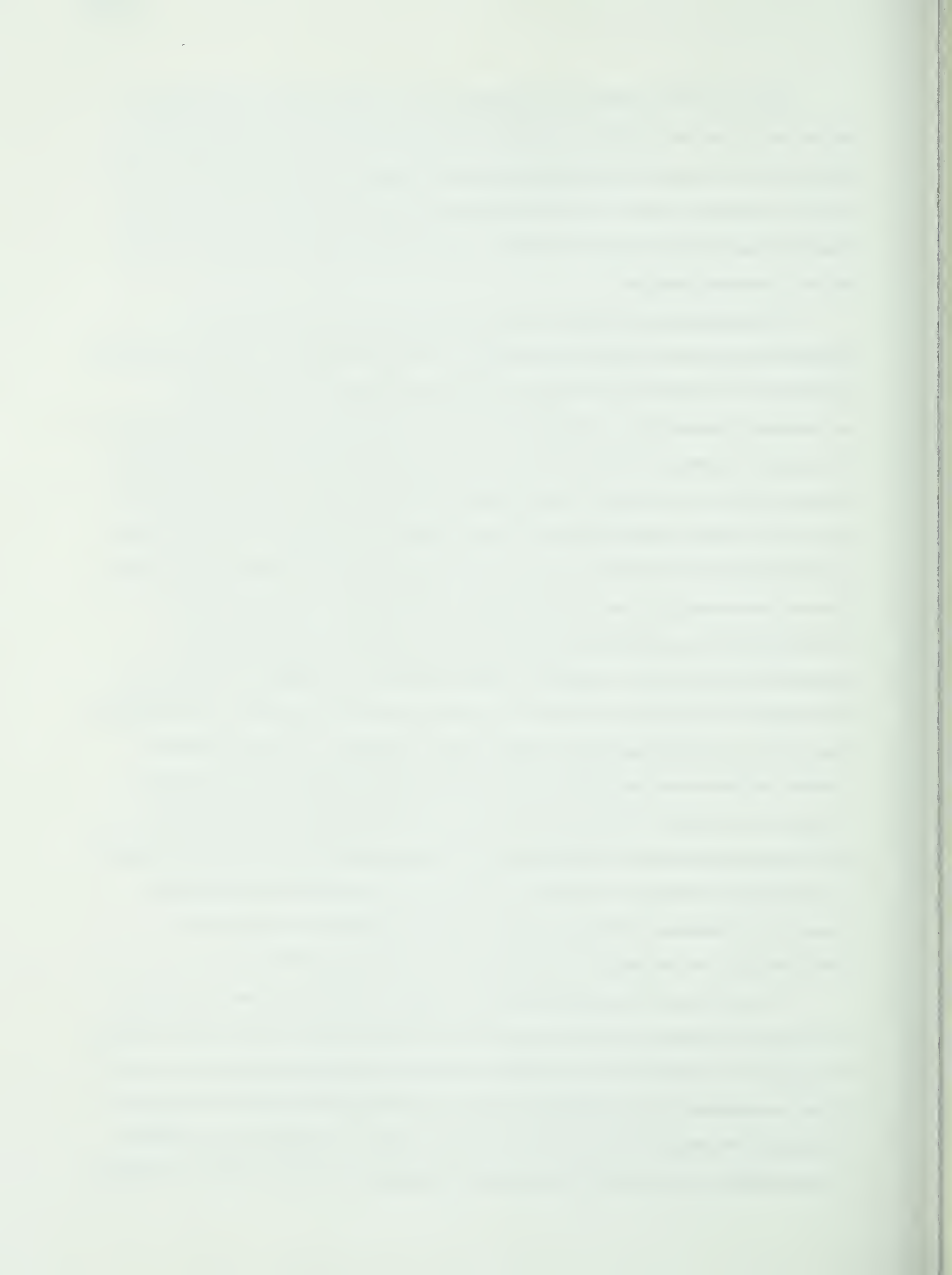
Such decisions can be made only with a detailed understanding of the ecosystem to be affected. This is certainly the most difficult aspect of the problem since little agreement exists as to what ecosystem parameters are most important or the level of information that is needed. Data for the key parameters considered in this study of CANOL disturbances (Chapters 3,4 and 5) are readily derived using commonly applied methods and could therefore be practically compiled for areas to be developed.

Man-induced or natural terrain disturbances in tundra areas are essentially permanent features on the landscape. For example, in the Macmillan Pass area there is a discernible difference between the last occupied channels and adjacent areas on outwash fans. These features are remnants of the most recent glacial retreat and are possibly 6,000 to 10,000 years old. In the High Arctic, 1,000 year-old Inuit camps can be relocated with relative ease and these sites may have been used for only a short period of time (Schledermann 1977). In the Burwash Uplands of the Yukon, cart tracks initiated in the late 1800's remain evident (Lore 1977). In many ways, CANOL disturbances were similar. They have created topographic alterations in an environment where minor morphological differences produce significant microclimatic variations. They have created radically different substrates in an area where minor changes in such things as organic layer thickness, moisture content and subsurface temperatures produce dramatic plant community differences over short distances. Many of these changes appear to be essentially permanent. These examples of seemingly minor disturbances have significantly altered the local environment to the extent that their ecological characteristics remain different from the adjacent, undisturbed areas.

The long-term evolution of some initially minor disturbances has increased the impact and/or the area affected. Examples from the CANOL Project include the abiotic effects of rerouting surface drainage ways and increasing thermal erosion and the biotic effects of creating niches for *Salix* species and arctic ground squirrels. The speed of change and subsequent degree of alteration varies with the type of disturbance and the nature of the area affected.

The ecological contribution of each altered site varies with the type of disturbance and the plant community affected. All provide habitats for resident plants and animals but in the less productive regions, disturbances appear to resemble the undisturbed condition more closely than in areas with complex plant community structure and greater standing crop. This is not to say that developments should always be placed in less productive areas. Even though disturbed conditions in more productive areas are further from those of associated control areas, their total ecosystem contribution may be still greater than that of the less productive undisturbed areas. Developments must be planned considering both temporal and spatial consequences. If recovery in more productive areas is predicted to be more rapid, the short-term consequences of disturbances may not be as significant when considered in the longer time frame. The disturbance of a given area will have a much greater impact on a system of limited extent than on a more widespread one. The areas that are necessary to the maintenance of resident wildlife should be identified and avoided whenever possible when choosing routes or site locations. These would include 'critical' habitats such as mineral licks, calving grounds and over-wintering areas. The ranking system should include information on biological productivity, sensitivity to disturbance and potential for rapid, natural rehabilitation. However, this type of analysis requires detailed information on the characteristics and distribution of landscape units in the development area.

In some ways, the ecological effects of these human disturbances differ little from those of naturally occurring disturbances. Along the CANOL route, recent mudflows that extend into valley bottoms, inundating and destroying established plant cover, do not differ substantially from the CANOL road bed in their ecological characteristics. Even oil spills have their naturally occurring equivalent and studies of oil seeps have contributed to rehabilitation efforts on man-induced spills (Alexander and Benoit 1972). In the CANOL



Project study area, river bars are similar to gravel pits and have similar plant species and cover characteristics while abandoned game trails resemble vehicle tracks in their ecological characteristics. The main difference between natural and man-induced disturbances lies in their initiation rather than their subsequent ecological characteristics.

Aesthetically however, there may be a great difference as man-induced disturbances often take regular and symmetrical shapes. The straight lines of a road, trail or track contrast sharply with the irregular, curving lines of river channels, lake margins, etc. Also, man-induced disturbances can transect natural borders to form sharp contrasts whereas natural disturbances may have transition zones that represent a gradual change along a gradient. Of course there are numerous exceptions to this such as are seen along steeply cut river banks, on the border of fire scars, or at the termination of debris slopes. Generally, excepting cases such as oil spills, the long-term difference between natural and man-induced disturbances lies not in their ecological characteristics but rather in the sharp definition of the latter in a landscape of irregular patterns and can result in positive ecological changes (Douglass 1977; Lore 1977).

A significant difference between natural and man-induced disturbances is that the location of the latter are controlled. Conscious decisions are made to select routes and sites for development and careful choices can minimize the level of negative impacts in existing ecosystems.

7.2 Implications For Northern Development

Most developments occur in several stages or phases. This discussion will include implications of the CANOL Project relevant to the 1) preplanning and exploration; 2) construction and development; 3) operation and abandonment; and 4) abandonment phases involved with most northern developments. These phases are somewhat arbitrary since they usually overlap in time as was the case with the CANOL Project (Table 2.5). Furthermore, they can also be spatially inseparable. The recovery on CANOL disturbances provides more material for discussion of the abandonment phase of a project and stress will therefore be placed on this section with a few relevant comments for each of the other phases.

The rigours of the northern environment and its slow rate of recovery make any errors in the history of development projects potentially costly in both economic and environmental terms. For example, if sufficient preplanning had been carried out for the CANOL Project, at least 115 km of bladed trails and bulldozer tracks in the Northwest Territories as well as 150 km of roads would not have been constructed. These unnecessary disturbances, particularly those associated with the roads, were extensive, environmentally disruptive and economically costly. With adequate preplanning they could have been avoided.

Total ecosystem impact can be reduced by disturbing only sites that have low susceptibility to disturbance and/or will respond well in the long-term. For example, bladed trails created during the CANOL Project were less disruptive in Decumbent Shrub Tundra than in Lichen Heath Tundra (Section 6.2) and where possible, such disturbances should avoid these relatively sensitive communities. Unfortunately, the location of a resource is often independent of terrestrial ecosystem characteristics and sites for development often are found in ecologically sensitive areas. Intelligent development decisions are possible only if the resource planner has baseline information for each land unit and detailed large scale maps.

Exploration and survey practices that were common with the CANOL Project have not changed substantially over the past 40 years. The exploration phase of development still results in extensive terrain disturbance. Pits are excavated to determine the nature of surficial deposits; drilling operations are conducted from tracked vehicles that in some cases move across the terrain in any season; temporary camps are established at convenient locations, etc.

Most ground surveying for CANOL was carried out during the winter and these disturbances were much less disruptive than were those created during other seasons. For example it is difficult to relocate sections of the original winter tractor survey trail. Such operations, covering large areas and involving heavy machinery, should therefore be completed during the winter whenever possible.

During the construction phase, temporary facilities such as fuel caches, work camps, storage areas, etc. may be necessary. These require land and if properly planned such areas can later be used for permanent facilities. For example, the original winter

road access to the site may become the route for the power line or the final year-round access road. The Canol Road was built over much of the original survey route following the completion of the pipeline. Where this practice was not followed, it is possible to discern an additional right-of-way in those areas where operations were conducted during the thaw season. Sequential land use would minimize the amount of disturbed area and could prove much less costly. If this practice is followed, initial decisions regarding site selection become much more important.

CANOL Project construction of most types was completed during the winter. Where winter and summer construction facilities can be compared, it is evident that operations carried out during the growing season have been the most disruptive. In Erect Deciduous Shrub Tundra, winter work will damage the tall shrub canopy but in other plant communities, where snow cover is sufficient, surface disturbances will be minimized. Even in areas with a thin and discontinuous snowpack, vehicular disruptions of the frozen surface layers will have less impact than if the ground were thawed. Surface disruption is reduced on frozen ground and dormant plants appear to be less easily damaged than are those that are actively growing (Hernandez 1973; Kerfoot 1972; Lambert 1972). During the thaw season, it is essential that all operations be restricted to areas that are actually under construction or will be disturbed in the future. Use of areas that will not sustain future development should be minimized since even a minor disturbance such as the CANOL Project bulldozer tracks can be essentially permanent even though the changes are far less than more destructive types of disturbances.

It has been noted in previous discussions that the operation of CANOL No.1 lasted only 13 months and that this limited time interval probably helped to minimize the ecological impacts on wildlife during the life of the Project. For example, the road traffic or pump station noise would have affected only a portion of the lives of most of the resident wildlife. However, if pump station noise had affected generations of resident animals such as Dall's sheep, they might well have shifted their range to avoid these areas. If this resulted in the loss of critical or preferred habitat then populations would suffer. In addition, harrassment and hunting pressures might have been greater. Activities during the life of the CANOL Project therefore had little effect on wildlife as a direct consequence of the construction and operation phases. However, this was not the case

during the 34–36 years of abandonment.

The CANOL Project is located in an extremely limiting environment. Climatic conditions such as temperature extremes on a daily, seasonal and annual basis caused many operational problems including pipeline creep, accelerated rates of metal fatigue and consequent mechanical breakage, severe outdoor working conditions, etc. Under these restrictions and with inadequate technical information to make adjustment to these conditions, a number of unnecessary disturbances resulted. The most severe of these were caused by oil spills. Although small in area, these sites appear to be little modified by natural processes after 34 to 36 years. However, perhaps more importantly, the extent of their impact was not limited to these localized sites. For example, vehicles used to convey men and materials to the pipeline break often caused terrain disturbances such as bladed trails and bulldozer tracks.

Hemstock (1945) suggested several reasons why these spills were so large. A number of these were directly related to the extreme climatic conditions (Section 2.3.5.2). For example, winter spills beneath the snow were hard to locate, stockpiled pipe was hard to get at beneath the snow and conditions of travel and work were very restrictive for men and machinery. These limitations have not changed greatly to the present day. The circumstances, though not necessarily the causes surrounding the Rainbow Lake Pipeline spills in north-central Alberta since the early 1970's were very similar with the exception that, in addition, the pipeline was buried. Over the past 34–36 years, there has been an increase in appreciation of the necessity to clean up after a spill occurs and to follow this with mitigation measures such as scarification and fertilizer applications (Johnson 1981, McKendrick and Mitchell 1978). The CANOL spills, although ecologically devastating and long-lasting, are small and very localized. The negative impacts associated with moving men and materials through these ecosystems to rehabilitate such small areas could far outweigh the positive effects gained. Consequently, land use officers will have to determine whether or not the terrain disruptions incurred during clean-up measures counterbalance any potential improvement of the spill conditions. Such small spills would probably be better left, unless helicopters could be used to transport men and equipment for cleanup programmes and the high cost of such an operation would probably eliminate it as an alternative in most cases. The

cleanup of spilled oil and other toxic substances needs to be treated on an individual basis. However, in all cases, decisions should include careful consideration of the ecological consequences of the associated activities necessary to support such programmes.

Generally, the abandonment phase causes little terrain disruption, unless a salvage operation such as occurred with the CANOL Project, is undertaken. The effect of salvage activities removing equipment and other resaleable items can be similar to that of prolonging the period of operation. For example, the CANOL No.1 pipeline system was abandoned with over 60,000 bbls of crude oil in the line. During the salvage operations, some of this was used. However, much was spilled. Salvage operations conducted during the thaw season will redisturb some areas, and as with the exploration and construction phases, winter activity would probably produce the least environmental disruption.

The Territorial Land Use Regulations (1977) define provisions concerning the restoration of areas that have had Land Use Permits. The regulations state that

"after completion of a land use operation, [the permit holder must] restore the permit area as nearly as possible to the same condition as it was prior to commencement of the land use operation"

This implies that 1) it is possible to restore the area to a pre-disturbance state and 2) this is desirable. Based on the CANOL Project disturbance studies, the first point appears to be unachievable, except possibly over an extremely long period of time. The time necessary for ecological recovery to proceed to acceptable levels will vary with the type of disturbance and the environment affected. No time limit is placed on this requirement (Land Use Regulations 1977). The fact that CANOL disturbances are still readily discernible from their controls suggests that this is unachievable within realistic or effective time limits.

The rationale behind the second point can also be questioned. This study shows that it may be possible to effect some types of environmental enhancement through restoration programmes, producing dramatic differences between disturbed and undisturbed plant communities. Since complete restoration is probably impossible, the goal of restoration programmes should be to bring the disturbance into a biologically productive status within the shortest period of time. Native plants growing locally should

be used in revegetation programmes whenever possible because these species will be pre-adapted to each area's environment and may also be preferred forage for resident herbivores. Furthermore, many native species will require little or no site preparation prior to their introduction and little if any additional support in subsequent years.

Results presented in Chapter 4 can aid in the selection of species capable of colonizing disturbances in a variety of different terrain types. It has also been shown that the best colonizers often are not the dominant plants in the undisturbed areas and in many cases the most successful species are not found locally (Table 4.24).

Preceding sections have illustrated that natural recovery can proceed without human intervention, to create both positive and negative ecosystem disruptions after 34–36 years. In several plant communities affected by CANOL disturbances, rehabilitation was directly related to surface organic matter content and the amount of fine-textured particles (Chapter 6). The concentration of this material near the surface of disturbances affected substrate moisture and temperature, both of which are limiting conditions for revegetation. Such changes caused the long-term impacts of different disturbances to vary significantly with different plant communities. For example, roads were the most similar to controls in Lichen Heath Tundra but were the most dissimilar in Cushion Plant Tundra. It is therefore difficult to make broad generalizations. However, several points can be made that should be considered when examining the rehabilitation of abandoned developments as most types of terrain disturbance will probably recover more rapidly with some initial assistance. CANOL disturbance studies provide a number of examples that illustrate possible methods for stimulating relatively rapid natural rehabilitation. These include the following points:

1. Organic matter and topsoil should be stockpiled during construction and later spread on abandoned disturbances. A comparison of revegetation rates on bladed trails and on other disturbances in which surface layers had been removed (Table 3.10) illustrates the need to retain existing organic matter whenever possible. In addition, dormant seeds of native plants, contained in this material, may germinate to initiate a more rapid rate of plant colonization. Mulches produced from straw or wood chips might enhance substrate characteristics but would not provide this further advantage. However, in Cushion Plant Tundra and Crustose Lichen Tundra,

there is little organic matter and fine particle content in control soils. Consequently, stockpiling would not be possible and most disturbances were found to enhance moisture content initially (Chapter 3).

2. The Canol Road caused excessive surface compaction and therefore lacks significant surface micro-topography. Consequently, moisture runs off and roots cannot penetrate easily. The lack of surface micro-topography produces little micro-habitat diversity. Scarification and furrowing of these surfaces would be desirable, creating micro-habitats and reducing substrate compaction. A comparison of the road with the less compacted and often highly irregular surfaces of false start roads and gravel pit access roads illustrates this (Table 3.10).
3. In most plant communities shrubs comprised a significant proportion of the phytomass on most types of disturbances and in several cases marker pegs, set during the course of this study, were found to have sprouted after one or two years. The use of shrub cuttings of *Salix alaxensis* and perhaps other species such as *Salix planifolia* could result in rapid production of biomass on disturbances. This has particular promise on sites where seed germination appears to be limited by factors other than moisture (e.g. on oil spills). In addition, *Salix* species are preferred browse by resident ungulates.
4. In addition to the shrubs, there are a number of herbaceous plants that commonly, naturally colonize disturbances, and that make a substantial contribution to the live standing crop. Several have demonstrated their ability for long-distance dispersal. Vascular plants include *Calamagrostis canadensis*, several Carices, *Dryas octopetala*, *Epilobium* spp., *Hedysarum mackenzii*, *Hierochloe alpina*, *Juncus balticus*, *Poa* spp., and *Trisetum spicatum*. Mosses in the genus *Polytrichum* and lichens in the genera *Peltigera* and *Stereocaulon* were also important. The vascular plants are commonly prolific seed producers and could provide local seed sources for native plant revegetation programmes.
5. After 34–36 years, bulldozer tracks, bladed trails, gravel pit access roads and false start roads have caused little ecological disruption in some plant communities (Chapter 6). In many cases, attempts to enhance recovery on these disturbances could serve to magnify rather than mask the initial disturbances. Initially, such

disturbances are relatively minor and/or in the long-term their ability to recover is greater. However, disturbances causing little ecological change over large areas should not be ignored since they may be extensive enough to effect significant alterations in existing ecosystems. When the entire ecosystem in an area could be directly affected by a disturbed system, careful consideration of the acceptable level of alteration should be made prior to development. Detailed pre-planning can greatly reduce the size of the area affected and aggressive revegetation programmes utilizing native species as far as is practical for seeds and cuttings can help to minimize impacts. Also, land use permits could specify the types of disturbances and maximum areas to be directly affected by each within the different plant communities in the permit area.

6. Each year along the CANOL route ungulates become caught by their antlers in wire that has come to ground following the removal or collapse of telephone poles. Where above-ground wire has the potential for ensnaring animals, it should be removed.
7. Along the CANOL, thermokarst subsidence, river erosion, solifluction, etc. have greatly modified many portions of the road, track and trail disturbances. If the projected life of such facilities is short, it could be desirable to place them in locations where they will eventually be eliminated or modified by natural geomorphological processes. Of course, short-term hazards affecting the use of the facility would have to be considered as well as the long-term characteristics of the disturbance.
8. Oil spills create severe, long-lasting ecological disturbance. The CANOL Project spills generally covered only small areas.

7.2.1 Summary

Areas affected by the CANOL Project contain many examples of disturbances that can be expected in association with large and small scale Northern development projects. Projects requiring linear corridors for tote or all-weather roads, pipelines, or power transmission lines have many similarities with the CANOL Project. However, some basic differences exist, not all of which relate to physical site characteristics. Preplanning

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was sketchy to nonexistent for the CANOL Project (Sections 2.3–2.5) and no environmental impact statement was required, as would be the case today. Aerial photographic and topographic map coverage was not available in 1942 but now exists for all of northern Canada and *Land Use Information Maps* also are available for much of the Yukon and Northwest Territories. In contemporary projects, detailed site studies are conducted in the area to be affected, and sources of aggregate and final routes are selected prior to the initiation of construction. This was not the case during the CANOL Project. Although the U.S. Army and Project contractors had representatives on site that were concerned with engineering requirements, no government inspectors were present to ensure that environmental alterations were minimized. CANOL disturbances are the product of a shortlived, emergency, wartime project in which decisions were based primarily on the need for expediency, with little concern for environmental impacts.

Today, environmental protection is a major concern when applying for land use permits. Detailed studies are carried out to provide baseline information so that informed decisions can be made regarding project design and the phasing of development. Unlike the CANOL Project, these programmes include rehabilitation of disturbed areas following abandonment. Consequently, the impacts associated with similar northern developments today should be less. The overriding principal that should govern development practices in all phases is that all disturbances will be essentially permanent. If the objective is to cause as little environmental change as possible, disturbances should be minimized in extent and severity.

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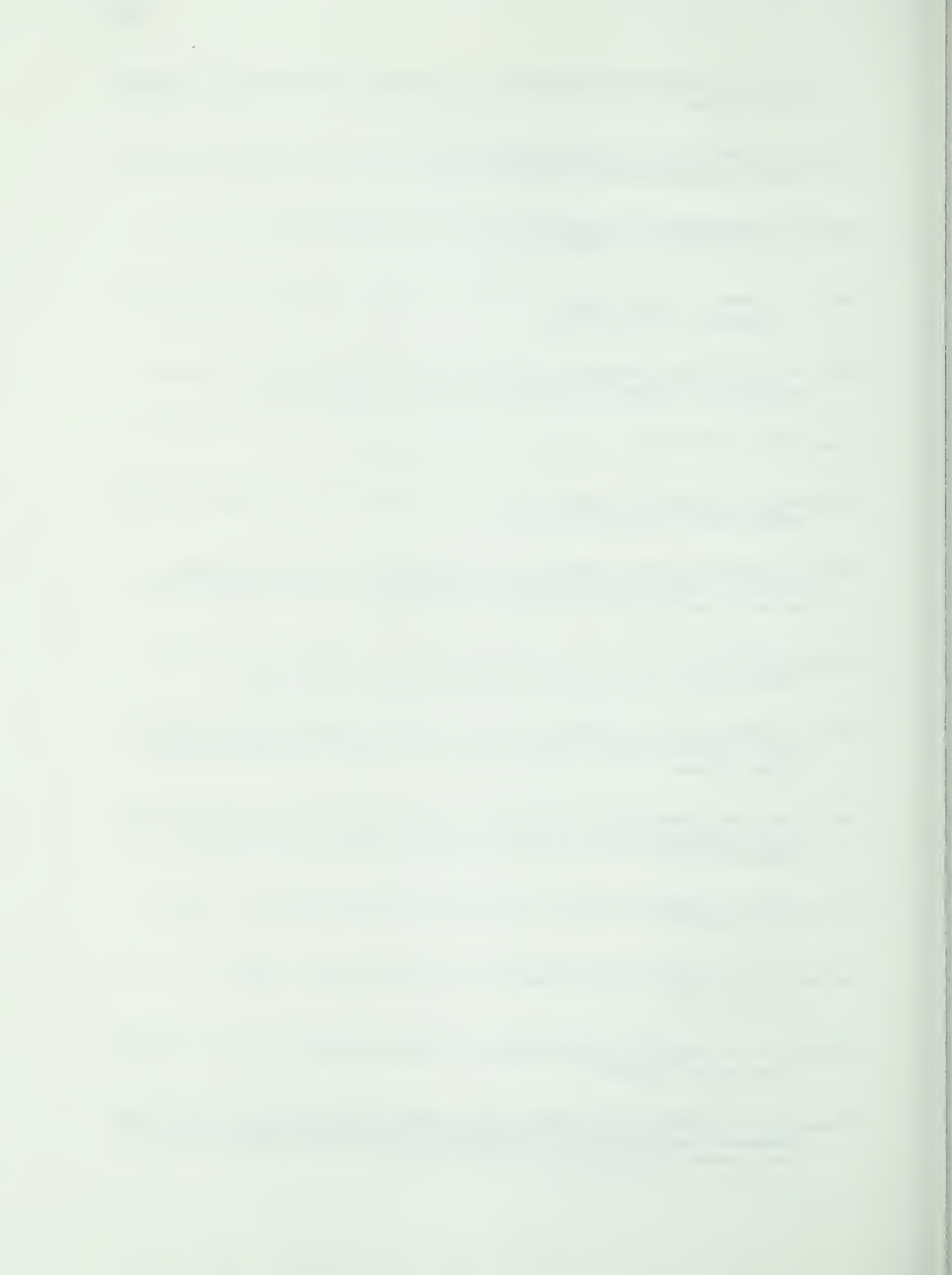
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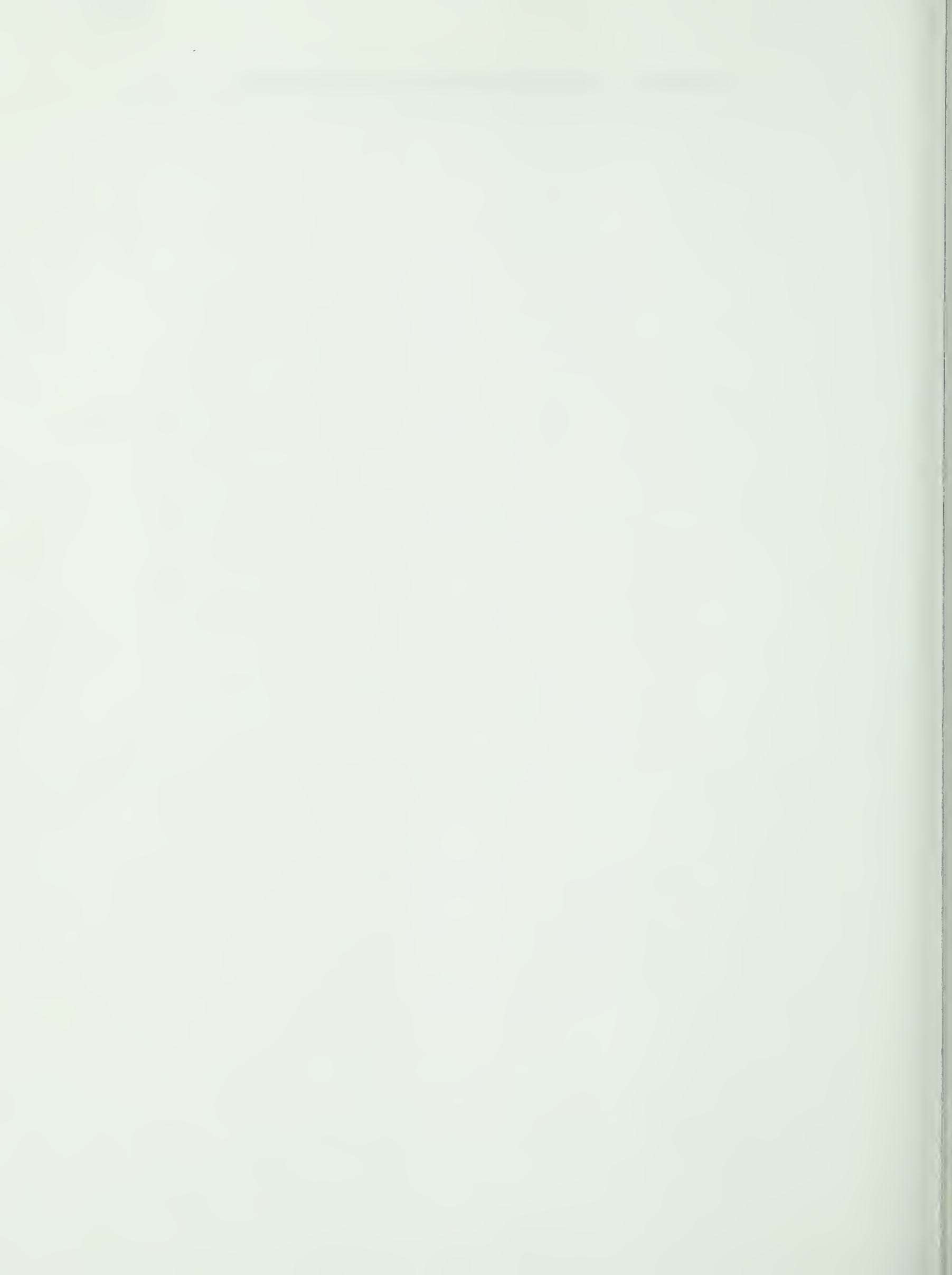
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APPENDIX I: SOURCES OF HISTORICAL INFORMATION



Published Material

Many articles pertaining to the CANOL Project have been published since 1943 (e.g. see Finnie in Selected References). These are found in newspapers, popular magazines, trade journals and scientific journals as well as in privately printed books. Most primary sources deal with the Project and its facilities and not with the environment which was affected. Secondary sources tend to have a similar approach but are more general in nature and fail to be specific.

Unpublished Material Most of the unpublished material is the property of Imperial Oil Limited, Bechtel Corporation or individuals originally involved with the project. R.S.Finnie of California has retained many interesting documents pertaining to the CANOL Project, including a diary of his two-year involvement with the Project and a copy of the log of G.H.Blanchet's survey of the route by dog team in October–December 1942.

More recent information on the CANOL Project took the form of consultants' reports to industry but only two such cases were found (R.M.Hardy and Associates 1971 and 1972).

Archival Material

This type of material was gathered from the following major depositories:

1. Public Archives of Canada, Ottawa;
2. Yukon Territorial Archives, Whitehorse;
3. Office of the Chief of Military History, Washington, D.C.

The Public Archives of Canada has material concerning diplomatic discussions associated with the CANOL Project, reports of the Joint Defense Board and copies of many memoranda of the Northwest Service Command, United States Army. The Yukon Archives has microfilm of Northwest Service Command documents, communiques to the United States Army from the civilian contractors and information packages prepared for the 'Truman Hearings' of 1943–44. Due to logistical and financial constraints, the Northwest Territories Archives could not be visited but is known to contain pertinent documents.

Interviews

People who were directly involved with the CANOL Project also provided information. Interviews have been held with individuals associated with the planning, surveying, construction and/or salvage phases of the Project. Such sources are difficult to discover and may not always be reliable. Many people involved with the CANOL Project were impossible to locate or are deceased.

R.S.Finnie has proved to be a valuable source, providing detailed information on CANOL from his unique perspective of the Project. Through his involvement from May 1942 to the spring of 1944, he covered all phases of CANOL as an historian/documentor. During this period he held the office of 'Northern Liason Officer' and was also 'Project Historian' for the U.S.Army. Supplemented by his detailed diary, he has clarified many questions that would have otherwise remained unanswered.

Photographic Material

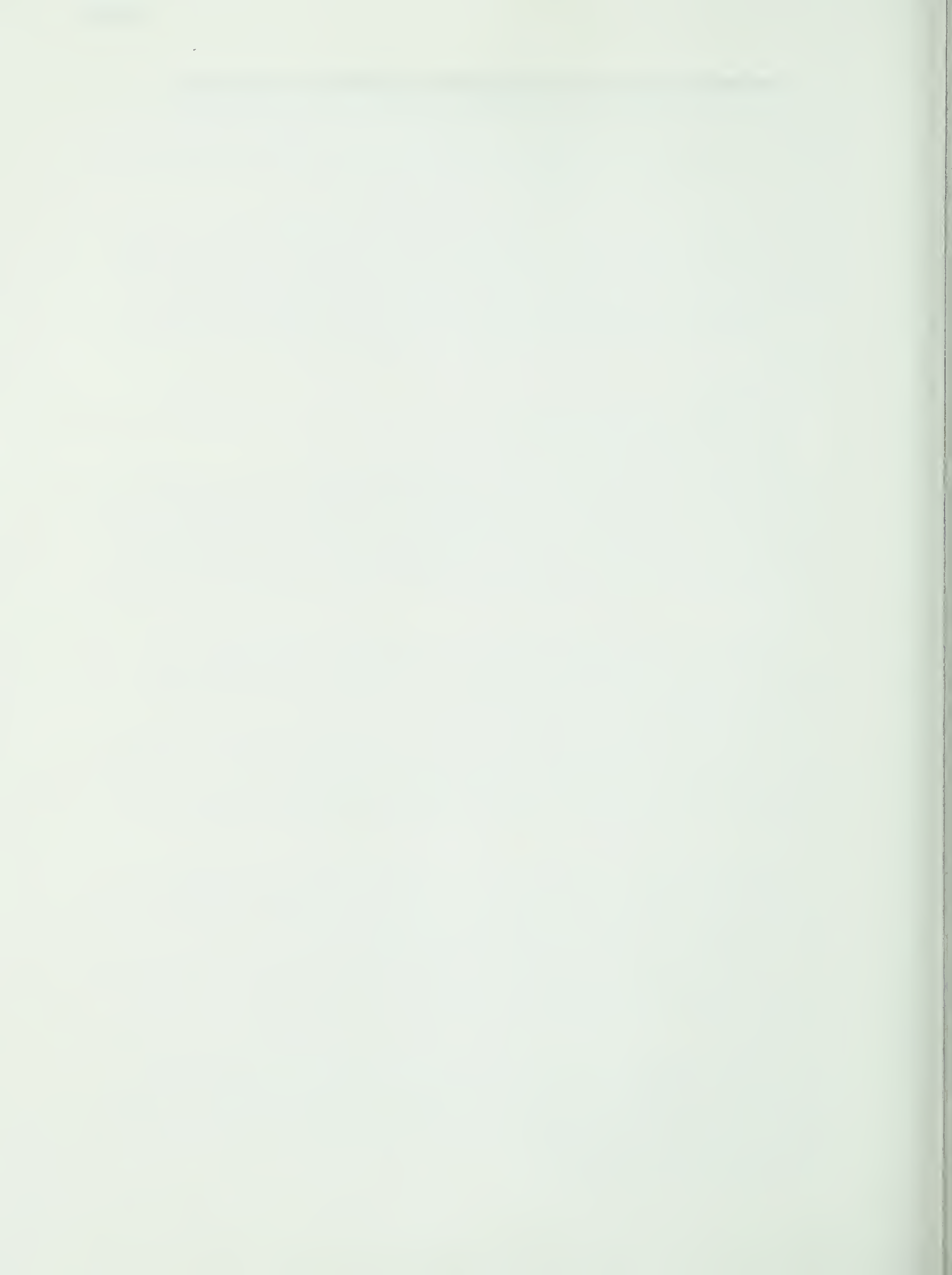
Both aerial and terrestrial photographs were consulted during this study. Aerial photography was obtained through the National Air Photo Library, Ottawa and the Defense Intelligence Agency, Washington, D.C. Terrestrial photography was aquired from private collections and from the Photographic Division of the National Museums of Canada and the National Photographic Collection, Ottawa.

Aerial photography is available from six missions flown between 1943 and 1974. Only the 1944 (1:24,760 scale), 1949–51 (1:31,200 scale) and 1974 (1:12,000 and 1:40,000 scale) series cover the entire study area. The 1943 (1:41,670 scale), 1963 (1:15,600 scale) and 1972 (1:24,000 scale) flights each include only portions of the study area.

Terrestrial photographs taken prior to 1945 came primarily from three sources. The National Photographic Collection contains some photographs taken during the construction of the Project. The National Museums of Canada Photographic Collection contains numerous photographs taken by A.E.Porsild during September 1944. Private collections include those of A.Hemstock (formerly with Imperial Oil) and R.S.Finnie (retired from Bechtel Corporation). Mr. Finnie's collection numbers in the thousands and is complete with captions and locations.



APPENDIX II: SOILS AND DISTURBANCE SUBSTRATES - RAW DATA



Appendix II
Soils and Disturbance Substrates: Raw Data

| Site | Seq | Type | Veg | Asp | Slope | | Drain | Horiz | SurfD | Subd | SurfPH | SubPH | SurfMoist | SubMoist | Temp | Root | Surface Layer Texture | | | | | | | |
|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-------|-----|-------|-------|-------|------|--------|-------|-----------|----------|------|------|-----------------------|------|----|------|-----------|------|------|-------|
| | | | | | Ac | Al | | | | | | | | | | | G | 10 | 40 | 200 | Pan Total | | | |
| 002 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 000 | 020 | 025 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 100 | 040 | 43 | 46 | 364 | 0833 | 0697 | 471 | 0400 | 00 | 0052 | 0086 | 0129 | 0105 | 00372 |
| 002 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 000 | 000 | 030 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 280 | | 46 | | 046 | 0116 | | 591 | 0200 | 80 | 1868 | 1067 | 0716 | 0607 | 04258 |
| 002 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 000 | 000 | 030 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 020 | 050 | 47 | 43 | 689 | 0944 | 0605 | 530 | 0330 | 00 | 0008 | 0050 | 0094 | 0050 | 00202 |
| 002 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 000 | 010 | 020 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 330 | | 57 | | 000 | 0042 | | 635 | 0250 | 90 | 2259 | 2799 | 0614 | 0230 | 05902 |
| 003 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 270 | 005 | 015 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 050 | 070 | 47 | 53 | 1000 | 3002 | 0689 | 500 | 0470 | 00 | 0000 | 0000 | 0000 | 0000 | 00000 |
| 003 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 080 | 020 | 010 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 280 | | 46 | | 046 | 0116 | | 591 | 0200 | 80 | 1868 | 1067 | 0716 | 0607 | 04258 |
| 003 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 090 | 020 | 040 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 370 | | 48 | | 020 | 0044 | | 561 | 0320 | 95 | 4728 | 1942 | 0552 | 0174 | 07396 |
| 003 | 0 | 8 | 1 | 000 | 000 | 020 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 005 | 005 | 36 | 42 | 911 | 0430 | 0181 | 533 | 0000 | 20 | 0264 | 0226 | 0841 | 1090 | 02421 |
| 009 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 225 | 005 | 000 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 180 | 420 | 43 | 48 | 120 | 0360 | 0250 | 550 | 0430 | 15 | 0282 | 0308 | 0170 | 0037 | 00797 |
| 009 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 180 | 025 | 020 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 160 | | 59 | | 057 | 0083 | | 545 | 0160 | 80 | 1716 | 1114 | 0556 | 0328 | 03714 |
| 009 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 196 | 020 | 020 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 050 | | 38 | 51 | 114 | 0264 | | 610 | 0290 | 00 | 0214 | 0347 | 1386 | 0253 | 02200 |
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| 008 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 000 | 010 | 000 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 210 | | 78 | | 000 | 0054 | | 662 | 0000 | 95 | 2299 | 1191 | 0521 | 0381 | 04392 |
| 009 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 090 | 025 | 015 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 170 | | 76 | | 055 | 0090 | | 570 | 0170 | 90 | 1109 | 0828 | 0382 | 0219 | 02538 |
| 011 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 045 | 010 | 015 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 205 | 015 | 69 | 64 | 1000 | 4752 | 1249 | 515 | 0370 | 00 | 0000 | 0000 | 0000 | 0000 | 00000 |
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| 014 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 180 | 035 | 025 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 220 | | 66 | | 000 | 0194 | | 577 | 0200 | 90 | 0878 | 0515 | 0346 | 0183 | 01922 |
| 014 | 0 | 6 | 3 | 255 | 010 | 070 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 320 | | 60 | | 000 | 0160 | | 541 | 0150 | 30 | 0410 | 0930 | 1222 | 0510 | 03072 |
| 016 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 000 | 015 | 030 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 490 | | 40 | | 1000 | 2724 | | 464 | 0090 | 00 | 0000 | 0000 | 0000 | 0000 | 00000 |
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| 016 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 000 | 000 | 000 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 110 | 230 | 40 | 47 | 1000 | 2610 | 6389 | 423 | 0220 | 00 | 0000 | 0000 | 0000 | 0000 | 00000 |
| 020 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 225 | 000 | 000 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 060 | 160 | 43 | 50 | 163 | 0491 | 0719 | 499 | 0490 | 25 | 0220 | 0294 | 0428 | 0193 | 01135 |
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| Site | Seq | Type | Veg | Asp | Slope | | Drain | Moist | Horiz | Subd | SurfPH | SubPH | SurfMoist | SubMoist | Temp | Root | Surface Layer Texture | | | | | | | |
|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-------|-----|-------|-------|-------|------|--------|-------|-----------|----------|------|------|-----------------------|------|------|------|------|-------|------|-------|
| | | | | | Ac | Al | | | | | | | | | | | G | 10 | 40 | 200 | Pan | Total | | |
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| 084 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 195 | 010 | 025 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 145 | 025 | 76 | 76 | 000 | 0090 | 0090 | 615 | 0175 | 75 | 2283 | 0796 | 0837 | 1143 | 05059 |
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| 088 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 323 | 010 | 000 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 450 | | 81 | | 000 | 0163 | | 506 | 0380 | 01 | 0524 | 0769 | 2901 | 1946 | 06140 |
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| Site | Seq | Type | Veg | Asp | Slope | | Drain | Moist | Horiz | Subd | SubPH | SubPH | SurfMoist | Temp | Root | Surface Layer Texture | | | | | | | | |
|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-------|-----|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|-----------|------|------|-----------------------|-----|------|-----|------|-------|------|------|-------|
| | | | | | AC | AI | | | | | | | | | | G | 10 | 40 | 200 | Pan | Total | | | |
| 094 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 148 | 030 | 000 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 070 | 110 | 68 | 70 | 542 | 2274 | 0948 | 505 | 0360 | 00 | 0018 | 0118 | 0084 | 0193 | 00413 |
| 094 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 159 | 040 | 010 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 280 | | 77 | | 000 | 0105 | | 544 | 0280 | 90 | 1493 | 1097 | 0871 | 1293 | 04754 |
| 094 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 177 | 015 | 015 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 100 | 120 | 82 | 83 | 000 | 0241 | 0113 | 537 | 0190 | 25 | 0869 | 0563 | 0867 | 0813 | 03112 |
| 094 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 180 | 010 | 010 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 100 | 120 | 82 | 83 | 000 | 0241 | 0113 | 537 | 0180 | 25 | 0869 | 0563 | 0867 | 0813 | 03112 |
| 096 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 097 | 040 | 000 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 060 | 360 | 67 | 74 | 218 | 0733 | 0251 | 568 | 0410 | 50 | 0155 | 0170 | 0312 | 0377 | 01014 |
| 096 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 257 | 040 | 020 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 260 | | 78 | | 000 | 0161 | | 561 | 0260 | 90 | 0967 | 1208 | 1034 | 1346 | 04555 |
| 096 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 224 | 035 | 020 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 250 | | 75 | | 000 | 0230 | | 565 | 0160 | 85 | 0518 | 0465 | 1449 | 1392 | 03824 |
| 096 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 016 | 020 | 020 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 280 | | 76 | | 000 | 0136 | | 483 | 0280 | 95 | 0934 | 0380 | 0431 | 0591 | 02336 |
| 098 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 279 | 010 | 070 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 560 | | 71 | | 001 | 0216 | | 534 | 0260 | 03 | 0239 | 0260 | 2184 | 1896 | 04579 |
| 098 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 217 | 040 | 000 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 350 | | 81 | | 000 | 0112 | | 520 | 0250 | 95 | 3567 | 0778 | 1437 | 1596 | 07378 |
| 098 | 0 | 6 | 7 | 222 | 020 | 040 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 380 | | 77 | | 000 | 0097 | | 519 | 0000 | 90 | 1445 | 0856 | 0878 | 1108 | 04287 |
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| 101 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 224 | 015 | 010 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 270 | | 78 | | 070 | 0043 | | 604 | 0270 | 90 | 2163 | 1209 | 1696 | 1093 | 06161 |
| 101 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 181 | 020 | 000 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 290 | | 73 | | 000 | 0217 | | 588 | 0250 | 85 | 0177 | 1254 | 1263 | 0867 | 03561 |
| 101 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 214 | 030 | 040 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 330 | | 75 | | 101 | 0081 | | 647 | 0330 | 75 | 2079 | 0636 | 1095 | 0845 | 04655 |
| 101 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 312 | 030 | 070 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 210 | | 80 | | 000 | 0595 | | 621 | 0210 | 80 | 2690 | 1682 | 1372 | 0881 | 06625 |
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| 101 | 2 | 8 | 2 | 186 | 000 | 005 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 020 | 050 | 68 | 72 | 1000 | 0182 | 1297 | 560 | 0290 | 00 | 0000 | 0000 | 0000 | 0000 | 00000 |
| 101 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 183 | 035 | 045 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 110 | 150 | 70 | 76 | 556 | 0706 | 0455 | 608 | 0220 | 30 | 0106 | 0140 | 0452 | 0995 | 01693 |
| 103 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 132 | 210 | 010 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 000 | | 00 | | 001 | 0000 | | 670 | 0000 | 00 | 0000 | 0000 | 0000 | 0000 | 00000 |
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| 103 | 0 | 6 | 7 | 071 | 040 | 110 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 200 | | 48 | | 015 | 0101 | | 506 | 0150 | 98 | 1861 | 0524 | 1148 | 0512 | 04045 |
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| 104 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 284 | 000 | 040 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 370 | | 43 | | 017 | 0097 | | 562 | 0230 | 55 | 0499 | 0469 | 2357 | 0908 | 04233 |
| 104 | 0 | 6 | 4 | 133 | 020 | 030 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 310 | | 55 | | 015 | 0103 | | 574 | 0160 | 85 | 1880 | 1087 | 2004 | 0642 | 05614 |
| 104 | 0 | 8 | 4 | 104 | 150 | 020 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 100 | 180 | 44 | 45 | 000 | 0202 | 0139 | 569 | 0000 | 10 | 0338 | 0466 | 3644 | 1643 | 06091 |
| 105 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 097 | 040 | 020 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 100 | 160 | 44 | 42 | 317 | 3119 | 0550 | 490 | 0260 | 00 | 0045 | 0141 | 0358 | 0268 | 00812 |
| 105 | 1 | 8 | 3 | 055 | 030 | 050 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 130 | 100 | 38 | 45 | 1000 | 0429 | 0291 | 494 | 0000 | 00 | 0000 | 0000 | 0000 | 0000 | 00000 |
| 105 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 164 | 020 | 050 | 3 | 7 | 3 | 080 | 320 | 38 | 42 | 1000 | 0402 | 0140 | 487 | 0000 | 00 | 0000 | 0000 | 0000 | 0000 | 00000 |
| 107 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 183 | 030 | 060 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 020 | 050 | 40 | 45 | 1000 | 1808 | 0748 | 492 | 0380 | 00 | 0000 | 0000 | 0000 | 0000 | 00000 |
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| 107 | 0 | 6 | 5 | 041 | 020 | 030 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 250 | | 44 | | 000 | 0056 | | 652 | 0050 | 75 | 2988 | 1275 | 0444 | 0137 | 04844 |
| 107 | 0 | 7 | 5 | 157 | 030 | 010 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 190 | | 43 | | 000 | 0116 | | 582 | 0190 | 60 | 1408 | 0855 | 0490 | 0523 | 03276 |
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| 110 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 215 | 030 | 030 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 450 | | 57 | | 052 | 0133 | | 555 | 0450 | 40 | 2177 | 1328 | 0817 | 1245 | 05567 |
| 110 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 306 | 085 | 040 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 220 | 150 | 66 | 71 | 061 | 0115 | 0094 | 608 | 0240 | 40 | 1870 | 1863 | 0995 | 0529 | 05257 |
| 112 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 007 | 040 | 010 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 010 | 050 | 74 | 75 | 1000 | 1782 | 0838 | 591 | 0350 | 00 | 0000 | 0000 | 0000 | 0000 | 00000 |
| 112 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 139 | 005 | 005 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 250 | | 80 | | 081 | 0066 | | 720 | 0180 | 90 | 2208 | 1266 | 1811 | 1121 | 06406 |
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| 112 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 035 | 010 | 010 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 290 | | 79 | | 081 | 0072 | | 654 | 0270 | 85 | 1942 | 0440 | 0651 | 2087 | 05120 |
| 112 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 341 | 005 | 020 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 220 | 130 | 74 | 76 | 338 | 0601 | 0348 | 556 | 0350 | 00 | 0127 | 0300 | 0550 | 1546 | 02523 |
| 112 | 2 | 8 | 2 | 345 | 010 | 000 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 020 | 270 | 75 | 75 | 1000 | 0000 | 0268 | 618 | 0000 | 00 | 0000 | 0000 | 0000 | 0000 | 00000 |

Site - site number (e.g. 001 to 118)
 Seq - 0=only disturbance of that type sampled at that site
 1=1st, 2=2nd and 3=3rd of two or more disturbances of that type sampled at that site.

Type - Site type
 (1) Road
 (2) False Start Road
 (3) Bladed Trail
 (4) Camp Yard
 (5) Bulldozer Track
 (6) Gravel Pit
 (7) Gravel Pit Access Road
 (8) Oil Spill

Veg - Physiognomic plant community
 (1) Erect Deciduous Shrub Tundra
 (2) Decumbent Shrub Tundra
 (3) Sedge Meadow Tundra
 (4) Lichen Heath Tundra
 (5) Fruticose Lichen Tundra
 (6) Cushion Plant Tundra
 (7) Crustose Lichen Tundra
 (8) Forb Meadow Tundra

Asp - Aspect in degrees
 Slope - Slope in degrees
 Al=Along (e.g. 020=2.0)
 AC=Across (e.g. 025=2.5)

Drain - Interior soil drainage
 (1) excessive
 (2) free
 (3) impeded
 (4) seasonally wet

Moist - Soil Moisture
 (1) Xeric
 (2) Subxeric
 (3) Submesic
 (4) Mesic
 (5) Subhygric
 (6) Hygric
 (7) Hydric
 (8) Aquatic

Hor - # of horizons
 SurfD - Surface layer depth (e.g. 105=10.5 cm)
 SubD - Subsurface layer depth (e.g. 100=10.0 cm)
 SurfP - Surface layer pH (e.g. 43=4.3)
 SubpH - Subsurface layer pH (e.g. 46=4.6)
 SurfO - Organic content of surface layer (e.g. 364=36.4%)
 SurfMoist - Moisture content of surface layer (e.g. 0833=83.3%)
 SubMoist - Moisture content of subsurface layer (e.g. 0697=69.7%)
 Temp - Temperature at 10 cm depth (e.g. 471=47.1 degree F.)
 Root - Maximum rooting depth (e.g. 0400=40.0 cm)
 Surface Texture

G - estimate of total gravel content (e.g. 80=80%)
 10 - weight of gravel inadvertently retained in the sample (e.g. 0052=5.2 grams)
 40 - weight of coarse sand in sample (e.g. 0086=8.6 grams)
 200 - weight of medium to fine sand in sample (e.g. 0129=12.9 grams)
 Pan - weight of very fine sand, silt and clay in sample (e.g. 0105=10.5 grams)
 Total - total weight of sample (e.g. 00372=37.2 grams)
 (Any difference between the 'total weight' and the sum of the 4 weights was assumed to be in the pan.)

APPENDIX III: CONTROL-CORRECTED SUBSTRATE CHARACTERISTICS IN THE
STUDY AREA PLANT COMMUNITIES

(Fruticose Lichen Tundra not included since only one site sampled)



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Table B: Control-corrected substrate characteristics (mean differences) of CANOL disturbances, N.W.T.
in Decumbent Shrub Tundra

| Substrate Characteristics | Control Humic Regosol | Road over | False Start Road over | Bladed Trail in | Bulldozer Track on | Gravel Pit in | Gravel Pit Access Road over | Oil Spill on |
|---|--------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| pH | 6.9 | +0.9 | +0.7 | +0.5 | +0.6 | +0.7 | +1.4 | -0.2 |
| Organic Content (%) | 38 | -32 | -26 | -51 | -48 | -36 | -66 | -32 |
| Moisture Content (%) | 93 | -75 | -84 | -97 | -90 | -57 | -92 | -70 |
| Gravel Content (%) | 18 | +58 | +70 | +60 | +32 | +56 | +63 | +6 |
| Coarse to Fine Sand Content (%) | 47 | +25 | +26 | +37 | +20 | +21 | +25 | +26 |
| Very Fine Sand Silt Clay Content (%) | 53 | -5 | -26 | +3 | +13 | +4 | +42 | +34 |
| Temperature at -10 cm (°C) | 12.5 | +2.1 | -0.6 | +2.0 | +3.0 | +0.0 | +3.5 | +1.1 |
| Maximum Rooting Depth (cm) | 38 | -11 | -30 | -15 | -6 | -22 | -17 | -10 |
| n | 9 | 10 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 3 | 5 |

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Table C: Control-corrected substrate characteristics (mean differences) of CANOL disturbances, N.W.T. in Sedge Meadow Tundra

| III sedge meadow tundra | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------|------|------|------|--------------|----|-----------------|----|------------|------|-----------|----|
| Substrate Characteristics | Control | | Road | | Bladed Trail | | Bulldozer Track | | Gravel Pit | | Oil Spill | |
| | HG | OC | HG | OC | HG | OC | HG | OC | HG | OC | HG | OC |
| pH | 4.2 | 7.6 | +2.4 | -0.2 | +0.4 | | +0.0 | | +1.8 | +0.1 | -0.6 | |
| Organic Content (%) | 56 | 54 | -35 | -50 | +0 | | +0 | | -35 | -2 | +68 | |
| Moisture Content (%) | 230 | 247 | -89 | -232 | +269 | | -11 | | -92 | +37 | -270 | |
| Gravel Content (%) | 1 | 0 | +87 | +80 | +0 | | +0 | | +27 | +40 | +0 | |
| Coarse to Fine Sand Content (%) | 73 | 19 | +1 | +20 | +0 | | +0 | | -4 | -4 | -65 | |
| Very Fine Sand, Silt, Clay Content (%) | 27 | 81 | -1 | -8 | +0 | | +0 | | +4 | +4 | -35 | |
| Temperature at -10 cm (°C) | 8.9 | 10.1 | +5.1 | +5.4 | -1.1 | | -2.3 | | +3.1 | +3.9 | +0.3 | |
| Maximum Rooting Depth (cm) | 28 | 36 | -30 | -19 | +15 | | +13 | | -35 | -2 | -26 | |
| n | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 2 | |
| HG: 'Humic Gleysol' OC: 'Organic Cryosol' | | | | | | | | | | | | |



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Table D: Control-corrected substrate characteristics (mean differences) of CANOL disturbances, N.W.T. in Lichen Heath Tundra

| Substrate Characteristics | Control Dystric Brunosol | Road over | Bladed Trail in | Gravel Pit in | Oil Spill on |
|--|--------------------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------|--------------|
| pH | 4.2 | +1.3 | +0.1 | +1.3 | +0.2 |
| Organic Content (%) | 100 | -98 | -98 | -98 | -100 |
| Moisture Content (%) | 270 | -257 | -260 | -260 | -250 |
| Gravel Content (%) | 0 | +95 | +55 | +85 | +10 |
| Coarse to Fine Sand Content (%) | 0 | +79 | +76 | +83 | +71 |
| very Fine Sand, Silt, Clay Content (%) | 0 | +21 | +24 | +17 | +29 |
| Temperature at -10 cm (°C) | 7.2 | +8.4 | +6.3 | +6.9 | +6.7 |
| Maximum Rooting Depth (cm) | 38 | -6 | -15 | -22 | -38 |
| n | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

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Table E: Control-corrected substrate characteristics (mean differences) of CANOL disturbances, N.W.T. in Fruticose Lichen Tundra

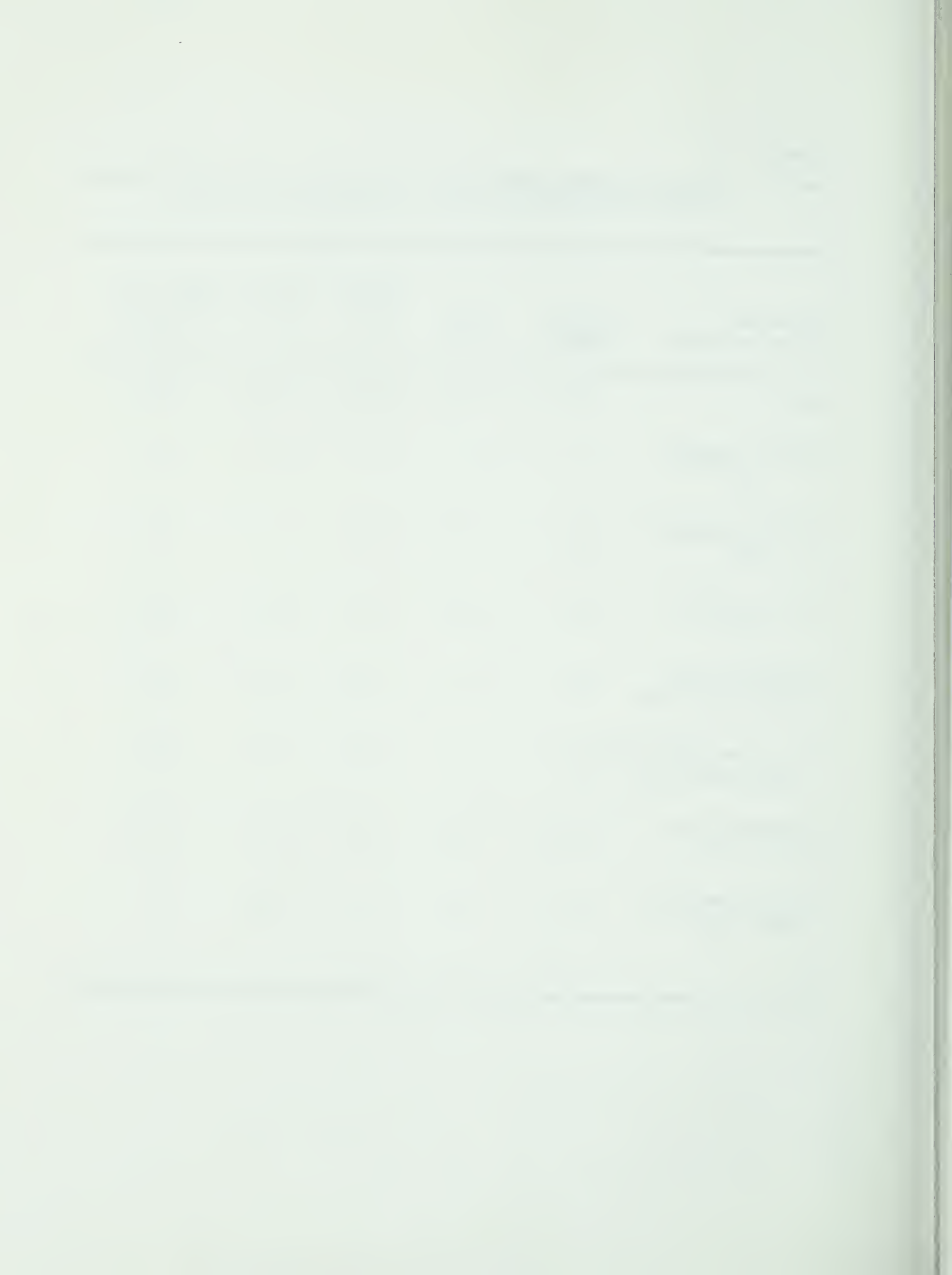
| in Fruticose Lichen tundra | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------|-----|-----------|------|-----------------------|------|-----------------|------|--------------------|------|---------------|------|-----------------------------|----|
| Substrate Characteristics | Control | | Road over | | False Start Road over | | Bladed Trail in | | Bulldozer Track on | | Gravel Pit in | | Gravel Pit Access Road over | |
| | DB | HR | DB | HR | DB | HR | DB | HR | DB | HR | DB | HR | DB | HR |
| pH | 4.2 | 4.6 | +1.1 | +1.2 | +0.2 | +0.2 | +1.6 | +0.9 | +0.2 | +0.9 | +0.6 | +1.2 | +0.9 | |
| Organic Content (%) | 68 | 55 | -33 | -55 | -11 | -100 | -100 | -100 | +0 | -100 | -66 | -55 | -68 | |
| Moisture Content (%) | 168 | 180 | -141 | -169 | -42 | -170 | -299 | -299 | -114 | -299 | -160 | -170 | -156 | |
| Gravel Content (%) | 2 | 20 | +87 | +68 | +55 | +65 | +85 | +0 | +185 | +78 | +58 | +74 | | |
| Coarse to Fine Sand Content (%) | 75 | 87 | -11 | +26 | -2 | +94 | +64 | 0 | 64 | 34 | 18 | 37 | | |
| Very Fine Sand, Silt, Clay (%) | 25 | 13 | 11 | 24 | 2 | 5 | 36 | 0 | 36 | 16 | 32 | 13 | | |
| Temperature at -10 cm (°C) | 7.8 | 7.9 | +0.8 | +5.3 | +1.9 | +5.6 | +3.0 | -1.3 | +3.0 | +6.2 | +4.0 | +5.9 | | |
| Maximum Rooting Depth (cm) | 32 | 11 | +1 | +12 | +12 | -21 | +6 | -16 | +6 | -21 | -1 | -18 | | |
| n | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | | |
| DB: 'Dystric Brunisol' HR: 'Humic Regosol' | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |



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Table F: Control-corrected substrate characteristics (mean differences) of CANOL disturbances, N.W.T. in Cushion Plant Tundra

| Substrate Characteristics | Control Regosol | Road over | Bladed Trail in | Gravel Pit in | Gravel Pit Access Road over |
|--|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| pH | 7.8 | -0.3 | +0.0 | -0.5 | +0.4 |
| Organic Content (%) | 3 | -2 | -4 | -2 | -7 |
| Moisture Content (%) | 20 | -7 | -10 | -14 | -5 |
| Gravel Content (%) | 13 | +60 | +72 | +81 | +50 |
| Coarse to Fine Sand Content (%) | 62 | +2 | -26 | -17 | -30 |
| Very Fine Sand, Silt, Clay Content (%) | 38 | -2 | +26 | -17 | +30 |
| Temperature at -10 cm (°C) | 10.3 | +2.2 | +1.0 | +0.1 | -1.4 |
| Maximum Rooting Depth (cm) | 27 | -16 | -2 | -22 | -2 |
| n | 5 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 1 |



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Table G: Control-corrected substrate characteristics (mean differences) of CANOL disturbances, N.W.T. in Crustose Lichen Tundra

| Substrate Characteristics | Control Rockland | | Road over | | Bladed Trail in | | Gravel Pit in | |
|--|------------------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------------|-------|---------------|-------|
| | Acidic | Basic | Acidic | Basic | Acidic | Basic | Acidic | Basic |
| pH | 5.1 | 7.1 | +2.5 | +1.0 | +0.3 | -0.3 | +0.6 | |
| Organic Content (%) | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | +0 | +0 | -1 | |
| Moisture Content (%) | 0 | 22 | +9 | -11 | +0 | +10 | -12 | |
| Gravel Content (%) | 100 | 3 | -10 | +92 | +0 | -2 | +87 | |
| Coarse to Fine Sand Content (%) | 0 | 56 | +74 | +2 | +0 | +77 | +5 | |
| Very Fine Sand, Silt, Clay Content (%) | 0 | 44 | +26 | -2 | +0 | +23 | -5 | |
| Temperature at -10 cm (°C) | 20.8 | 11.9 | -7.4 | -0.9 | -7.9 | -10.5 | -0.9 | |
| Maximum Rooting Depth (cm) | 0 | 26 | +15 | -1 | +0 | +15 | -26 | |
| n | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |



APPENDIX IV: FLORA

SYSTEMATIC LIST OF MAJOR PLANT TAXA

OCCURRING IN THE STUDY AREA

NON-VASCULAR PLANTS: LICHENS

ACAROSPORACEAE

Acarospora schleicheri (Ach.) Mass.*Sporastatia testudinea* (Ach.) Mass.

BAEOMYCETACEAE

Baeomyces carneus (Retz.) Florke*Baeomyces roseus* Pers.*Baeomyces rufus* (Huds.) Rebent.

BUELLIACEAE

Buellia disciformis (Fr.) Mudd*Buellia immersa* Lynge*Buellia papillata* (Sommerf.) Tuck.*Buellia scabrosa* (Ach.) Korb.*Rinodina roscida* (Somm.) Arn.*Rinodina turfacea* (Wahlenb.) Korb.

CLADONIACEAE

Cladonia sp.*Cladonia acuminata* (Ach.) Norrl.*Cladonia amaurocraea* (Floerke) Schaer.*Cladonia arbuscula* (Wallr.) Rabenh.*Cladonia bacillaris* (Ach.) Nyl.*Cladonia bacillariformis* (Nyl.) Vain.*Cladonia bellidiflora* (Ach.) Schaer.*Cladonia botrytes* (Hag.) Willd.*Cladonia cariosa* (Ach.) Spreng.*Cladonia carneola* Fr.*Cladonia cenotea* (Ach.) Schaer.*Cladonia chlorophaea* (Floerke) Spreng.*Cladonia coccifera* (L.) Willd.*Cladonia cornuta* (L.) Hoffm.*Cladonia crispata* (Ach.) Flot.*Cladonia decorticata* (Floerke) Spreng.*Cladonia deformis* (L.) Hoffm.*Cladonia ecmocyna* (Ach.) Nyl.*Cladonia fimbriata* (L.) Fr.*Cladonia furcata* (Huds.) Schrad.*Cladonia gonecha* (Ach.) Asah.*Cladonia gracilis* (L.) Willd. var. *dilatata* (Hoffm.) Vain.*Cladonia gracilis* (L.) Willd. var. *gracilis* (L.) Willd.*Cladonia lepidota* Nyl.*Cladonia macrophylla* (Schaer.) Stenh.*Cladonia macrophyllodes* Nyl.*Cladonia major* (Hag.) Sandst.*Cladonia metacoralifera* Asahina*Cladonia mitis* Sandst.*Cladonia norrlini* Vain.*Cladonia phyllophora* (Ehrh.) Hoffm.*Cladonia pleurota* (Florke) Schaer.*Cladonia pocillum* (Ach.) O. Rich*Cladonia polydactyla* (Florke) Spreng.*Cladonia pyxidata* (L.) Hoffm.*Cladonia rangiferina* (L.) Web.*Cladonia squamosa* (Scop.) Hoffm.*Cladonia stellaris* (Opiz) Pouz. & Vezda*Cladonia subfurcata* (Nyl.) Arn.*Cladonia subulata* (L.) Wigg.*Cladonia uncialis* (L.) Web.



Cladonia verticillata (Hoffm.) Schaer.

COLLEMATACEAE

Collema sp.

LECANORACEAE

Haematomina lapponicum Raes.

Icmadophila ericetorum (L.) Zahlbr.

Lecanora epibyron (Ach.) Ach.

Lecanora intricata (Schrad.) Ach.

Lecanora urceolaria (Fr.) Wetm.

Ochrolechia sp.

Ochrolechia androgyna (Hoffm.) Arn.

Ochrolechia geminipara (Th.Fr.) Vain.

Ochrolechia inaequatula (Nyl.) Zahlbr.

Ochrolechia uliginosa L.

LECIDEACEAE

Bacidia alpina (Schaer.) Vain.

Bacidia bagliettoana (Mass. & DeNot.) Jatta

Lecidea sp.

Lecidea auriculata Th.Fr.

Lecidea crustulata (Ach.) Spreng.

Lecidea demissa (Rutstr.) Ach.

Lecidea flavocaerulescens Hornem.

Lecidea glaucophaea Korb.

Lecidea granulosa (Ehrh.) Ach.

Lecidea hypocrita Mass.

Lecidea jurana Schaer.

Lecidea limosa Ach.

Lecidea macrocarpa (DC.) Steud.

Lecidea pantherina (Hoffm.) Th.Fr.

Lecidea vernalis (L.) Ach.

Lecidella stigmatea (Ach.) Herb. & Leuck.

Rhizocarpon sp.

Rhizocarpon chioneum (Norm.) Th.Fr.

Rhizocarpon eupetraeoides (Nyl.) Blomb.

Rhizocarpon geographicum (L.) DC.

Rhizocarpon inarense (Vain.) Vain.

Rhizocarpon intermediellum Ras.

Rhizocarpon riparium Ras.

Rhizocarpon umbilicatum (Ram.) Jatta

Toninia lobulata (Somm.) Lunge

Toninia tristis (Th.Fr.) Th.Fr.

LEPRARIACEAE

Lepraria neglecta L.

NEPHROMATACEAE

Nephroma arcticum (L.) Torss.

Nephroma expallidum Nyl.

PANNARIACEAE

Pannaria pezizoides (Web.) Trev.

Pannaria rubiginosa (Thunb. ex Ach.) Del.

Psoroma hypnorum (Vahl) S.F. Gray

PARMELIACEAE

Asahinea chrysantha (Tuck.) W. Culb. & C. Culb.

Cetraria sp.

Cetraria commixta (Nyl.) Th.Fr.

Cetraria cucullata (Bell.) Arg.

Cetraria delisei (Bory) Th.Fr.

Cetraria ericetorum Opiz
Cetraria hepatizon (Ach.) Vain.
Cetraria islandica (L.) Ach.
Cetraria laevigata Rass.
Cetraria nivalis (L.) Ach.
Cetraria pinastri (Scop.) S. Gray
Cetraria richardsonii Hook.
Cetraria sepincola (Ehrh.) Ach.
Cetraria subalpina Imsch.
Cetraria tilesii Ach.
Hypogymnia oroarctica Krog
Parmelia centrifuga (L.) Ach.
Parmelia separata Th. Fr.
Parmelia septentrionalis (Lynge) Ahti
Parmeliopsis sp.
Parmeliopsis ambigua (Wulf.) Nyl.
Parmeliopsis hyperota (Ach.) Arn.

PELTIGERACEAE

Peltigera sp.
Peltigera aphthosa (L.) Willd.
Peltigera canina (L.) Willd.
Peltigera malacea (Ach.) Funck
Peltigera polydactyla (Neck.) Hoffm.
Peltigera pulverulenta (Tayl.) Krempf.
Peltigera rufescens (Weis.) Humb.
Peltigera spuria (Ach.) DC.
Peltigera venosa (L.) Baumg.
Solarina sp.
Solarina bisporea Nyl.
Solarina crocea (L.) Ach.
Solarina saccata (L.) Ach.

PERTUSARIACEAE

Pertusaria dactylina (Ach.) Nyl.

PHYSCIACEAE

Physcia caesia (Hoffm.) Hampe

SPHAEROPHORACEAE

Sphaerophorous globosus (Huds.) Vain.

STEREOCAULACEAE

Stereocaulon sp.
Stereocaulon alpinum Laur.
Stereocaulon condensatum Hoffm.
Stereocaulon dactylophyllum Floerke
Stereocaulon glareosum (Savicz) Magn.
Stereocaulon paschale (L.) Hoffm.
Stereocaulon rivulorum Magn.
Stereocaulon saxatile Magn.
Stereocaulon tomentosum Fr.

UMBILICARIACEAE

Agyrophora rigida (DuReitz) Llano
Omphalodiscus decussatus (Vill.) Schol.
Omphalodiscus krascheninnikovii (Savicz) Schol.
Omphalodiscus virginis (Schaer.) Schol.
Umbilicaria sp.
Umbilicaria hyperborea (Ach.) Hoffm.
Umbilicaria hyperborea (Ach.) Hoffm. var. *radiculata* Zett.
Umbilicaria proboscidea (L.) Schrad.
Umbilicaria torrefacta (Lightf.) Schrad.

USNEACEAE

- Alectoria ochroleuca* (Hoffm.) Mass.
Cornicularia aculeata (Schreb.) Ach.
Cornicularia divergens Ach.
Dactylina arctica (Hook.) Nyl.
Dactylina beringica Thoms. & Bird
Dactylina ramulosa (Hook.) Tuck.
Evernia perfragilis Llano
Thamnolia subuliformis (Ehrh.) W. Culb.
Thamnolia vermicularis (Sw.) Schaer.

VERRUCARIACEAE

- Polyblastia* sp.
Polyblastia gelatinosa (Ach.) Th. Fr.
Polyblastia gothica Th. Fr.
Polyblastia hyperborea Th. Fr.
Polyblastia integrascens (Nyl.) Vain.
Polyblastia sendtneri Kremp
Polyblastia theleodes (Somm.) Th. Fr.
Thelidium aeneovinosum (Anzi) Arn.
Verrucaria aethiobola Wahlenb. ex. Ach.
Verrucaria muralis Ach.

NON-VASCULAR PLANTS: BRYOPHYTES

AMBLYSTEGIACEAE

- Calliergon sarmentosum* (Wahlenb.) Kindb.
Calliergon stramineum (Brid.) Kindb.
Campylium chrysophyllum (Brid.) J. Lange
Campylium polygamum (B.S.G.) C. Jens.
Campylium stellatum (Hedw.) C. Jens.
Campylium stellatum (Hedw.) C. Jens. var. *arcticum* (Williams) Sav. – Ljub.
Cratoneuron commutatum (Hedw.) Roth
Drepanocladus sp.
Drepanocladus exannulatus (B.S.G.) Warnst.
Drepanocladus revolvens (Sw.) Warnst.
Drepanocladus sendtneri (Schimp.) Warnst.
Drepanocladus uncinatus (Hedw.) Warnst.
Platydictya jungermannioides (Brid.) Crum

ANDREACEAE

- Andrea rupestris* Hedw.

AULACOMNIACEAE

- Aulacomnium* sp.
Aulacomnium acuminatum (Lindb. & Arn.) Kindb.
Aulacomnium palustre (Hedw.) Schwaegr.
Aulacomnium turgidum (Wahlenb.) Schwaegr.

BARTRAMIACEAE

- Bartramia ithyphylla* Brid.
Conostomum tetragonum (Hedw.) Lindb.
Philonotis fontana (Hedw.) Brid.
Philonotis tomentella Mol.

BRACHYTHECIACEAE

- Brachythecium* sp.
Brachythecium erythrorrhizon B.S.G.
Brachythecium groenlandicum (C. Jens.) Schljak.
Brachythecium salebrosum (Web. & Mohr) B.S.G.
Brachythecium starkei (Brid.) B.S.G.
Brachythecium turgidum (C. J. Hartm.) Kindb.
Cirriphyllum cirrosum (Schwaegr. ex. Schultes) Grout
Tomenthypnum sp.
Tomenthypnum nitens (Hedw.) Loeske

BRYACEAE

- Bryum* sp.
Bryum bimum (Brid.) Turn.
Bryum pseudotriquetrum (Hedw.) Gaert.
Bryum tortifolium Funck ex. Brid.
Pohlia sp.
Pohlia cruda (Hedw.) Lindb.
Pohlia nutans (Hedw.) Lindb.

CATASCOPIACEAE

- Catascopium nigrum* (Hedw.) Brid.

CLIMACIACEAE

- Climacium dendroides* (Hedw.) Web. & Mohr

DICRANACEAE

- Dicranum* sp.
Dicranum elongatum Schleich. ex. Schwaegr.
Dicranum pallidisetum (Bail. ex. Holz.) Irel.
Oncophorus virens (Hedw.) Brid.



DITRICHACEAE

- Ceratodon purpureus* (Hedw.) Brid.
Distichium sp.
Distichium capillaceum (Hedw.) B.S.G.
Distichium inclinatum (Hedw.) B.S.G.
Ditrichum sp.
Ditrichum flexicaule (Schwaegr.) Hampe

ENCALYPTACEAE

- Encalypta* sp.
Encalypta affinis R. Hedw.
Encalypta alpina Smith
Encalypta procera Bruch

ENTODONTACEAE

- Orthothecium cryseum* (Schwaegr. ex. Schultes) B.S.G.
Orthothecium strictum Lor.
Pleurozium schreberi (Brid.) Mitt.

FISSIDENTACEAE

- Fissidens osmundoides* Hedw.

FUNARIACEAE

- Funaria hygrometrica* Hedw.

GRIMMIACEAE

- Grimmia* sp.
Rhacomitrium canescens (Hedw.) Brid.
Rhacomitrium lanuginosum (Hedw.) Brid.
Schistidium sp.

HYLOCOMNIACEAE

- Hylocomnium splendens* (Hedw.) B.S.G.

HYPNACEAE

- Hypnum* sp.
Hypnum bambergii Schimp.
Hypnum cupressiforme Hedw.
Hypnum lindbergii Mitt.
Hypnum procerrimum Mol.
Hypnum revolutum (Mitt.) Lindb.
Ptilium crista-castrensis (Hedw.) De-Not.

LESKEACEAE

- Lescuraea radicata* (Mitt.) Monk.

MEESIACEAE

- Paludella squarrosa* (Hedw.) Brid.

MNIUMACEAE

- Cinclidium stygium* Sw.
Cyrtomnium sp.
Cyrtomnium hymenophyllum (B.S.G.) Kop.
Plagiomnium cuspidatum (Hedw.) Kop.
Plagiomnium ellipticum (Brid.) Kop.
Plagiomnium medium (B.S.G.) Kop.
Rhizomnium sp.
Rhizomnium pseudopunctatum (Bruch & Schimp.) Kop.
Rhizomnium punctatum (Hedw.) Kop.

ORTHOTRICHACEAE

- Orthotrichum* sp.

POLYTRICHACEAE

Oligotrichum sp.
Pogonatum alpinum (Hedw.) Rohl.
Pogonatum dentatum (Brid.) Brid.
Pogonatum urnigerum (Hedw.) Beauv.
Polytrichum sp.
Polytrichum commune Hedw.
Polytrichum hyperboreum R.Br.
Polytrichum juniperinum Hedw.
Polytrichum piliferum Hedw.
Polytrichum strictum Brid.

POTTIACEAE

Bryoerythrophyllum recurvirostrum (Hedw.) Chen
Desmatodon sp.
Desmatodon latifolius (Hedw.) Brid.
Tortella arctica (H.Arn.) Crundwell & Nyholm
Tortella fragilis (Drumm.) Limpr.
Tortella inclinata (Hedw.) Limpr.
Tortella rigens N. Albertson
Tortella tortuosa (Hedw.) Limpr.
Tortula latifolia Bruch ex. C.J. Hartm.
Tortula mucronifolia Schwaegr.
Tortula norvegica (Web.) Wahlenb. ex. Lindb.
Tortula ruralis (Hedw.) Gaertn., Meyer & Scherb.
Trichostomum arcticum Kaal.
Trichostomum crispulum Bruch
Weisia controversa Hedw.

PTILIDIACEAE

Blepharostoma sp.

RHYTIDIACEAE

Rhytidium rugosum (Sull.) Kindb.

SPHAGNACEAE

Sphagnum sp.

SPLACHNACEAE

Tetraplodon mnioides (Hedw.) B.S.G.
Tetraplodon paradoxus (R.Br.) Hag.

THELIACEAE

Myurella julacea (Schwaegr.) B.S.G.

THUIDIACEAE

Abietinella abietina (Hedw.) Fleisch

VASCULAR PLANTS

BETULACEAE

Alnus crispa (Ait.) Pursh
Betula glandulosa Michx.

BORAGINACEAE

Mertensia paniculata (Ait.) G. Don
Myosotis alpestris F.W. Schmidt ssp. *asiatica* Vestergr.

CALLITRICHACEAE

Callitriche verna L.

CAMPANULACEAE

Campanula lasiocarpa Cham.
Campanula uniflora L.

CAPRIFOLIACEAE

Linnaea borealis L. var. *americana* (Forbes) Rehd.

CARYOPHYLLACEAE

Arenaria humifusa Wahlenb.
Cerastium beeringianum Cham. & Schlecht.
Melandrium apetalum (L.) Frez.
Minuartia arctica (Stev.) Aschers & Graebn.
Minuartia biflora (L.) Schinz & Thell.
Minuartia macrocarpa (Pursh) Ostenf.
Minuartia rossii (R.Br.) House
Minuartia rubella (Wahlenb.) Hiern.
Minuartia stricta (Sw.) Hiern.
Moehringia lateriflora (L.) Fenzl
Sagina intermedia Fenzl
Sagina linnaei Presl
Silene acaulis L.
Stellaria edwardsii R.Br.
Stellaria laeta Richards.
Stellaria longipes Goldie
Stellaria monantha Hult.

CHENOPODIACEAE

Chenopodium capitatum (L.) Asch.

COMPOSITAE

Achillea lanulosa Nutt.
Agoseris aurantiaca (Hook.) Greene
Antennaria densifolia Porsild
Antennaria ekmaniana Porsild
Antennaria isolepis Greene
Antennaria monocephala DC.
Antennaria nitida Greene
Antennaria stolonifera Porsild
Arnica alpina (L.) Olin ssp. *angustifolia* (J.Vahl) Maguire
Arnica lessingii Greene
Arnica louiseana Farr. ssp. *frigida* (Mey. ex Iljin) Maguire
Artemisia arctica Less.
Artemisia tilesii Ledeb. var. *tilesii*
Artemisia tilesii Ledeb. var. *elatior* T. & G.
Aster alpinus L. ssp. *vierhapperi* Onno
Aster sibiricus L.
Chrysanthemum integrifolium Richards.
Crepis nana Richards.
Erigeron acris L. var. *debilis* Gray
Erigeron eriocephalus J.Vahl
Erigeron humilis Graham

Erigeron hyperboreus Greene
Erigeron purpuratus Greene
Hieracium triste Willd.
Petasites frigidus (L.) Fries
Petasites hyperboreus Rydb.
Petasites palmatus (Ait.) Gray
Saussurea angustifolia (Willd.) DC.
Senecio atropurpureus (Ledeb.) Fedtsch.
Senecio cymbalaria Pursh
Senecio kjellmanii Porsild
Senecio lugens Richards.
Senecio triangularis Hook.
Senecio yukonensis Porsild
Solidago multiradiata Ait.
Taraxacum alaskanum Rydb.
Taraxacum officinale Weber
Taraxacum maurolepium Hagl.

CORNACEAE

Cornus canadensis L.

CRASSULACEAE

Rhodiola integrifolia Raf.

CRUCIFERAE

Arabis divaricarpa A. Nels.
Arabis drummondii Gray
Arabis lyrata L. var. *kamchatica* Fisch.
Brassica campestris L.
Braya purpurascens (R.Br.) Bge
Braya richardsonii (Rydb.) Fern.
Cardamine bellidifolia L.
Cardamine pratensis L.
Cardamine umbellata Greene
Descuriana richardsonii (Sweet) Schulz
Draba albertina Greene
Draba alpina L.
Draba borealis DC.
Draba cana Rydb.
Draba corymbosa R.Br.
Draba crassifolia Grah.
Draba glabella Pursh
Draba lactea Adams
Draba longipes Raup
Draba ogilviensis Hult.
Draba nivalis Liljebl.
Draba porsildii G.A. Mulligan
Draba praealta Greene
Erysimum cheiranthoides L.
Eutrema edwardsii R.Br.
Lepidium densiflorum Schrad.
Lesquerella arctica (Wormsk.) S. Wats.
Parrya nudicaulis (L.) Regel
Smelowskia borealis (Greene) Drury & Rollins
Thlaspi arvense L.

CYPERACEAE

Carex aquatilis Wahlenb. var. *aquatilis*
Carex aquatilis Wahlenb. var. *stans* (Drej.) Boott
Carex atrofusca Schk.
Carex atosquama Mack.
Carex aurea Nutt.
Carex brunnescens (Pers.) Poir.

Carex capillaris L.
Carex concinna R.Br.
Carex deflexa Hornem.
Carex glacialis Mack.
Carex gynocrates Wormskj.
Carex lachenalii Schk.
Carex lugens Holm
Carex macloviana D'Urv
Carex membranacea Hook.
Carex microchaeta Holm
Carex microglochin Wahlenb.
Carex misandra R.Br.
Carex nardina E.Fries
Carex petricosa Dewey
Carex phaeocephala Piper
Carex podocarpa R.Br.
Carex pyrenaica Wahlenb. ssp. *mucropoda* (C.A.Mey.)Hult.
Carex rupestris All.
Carex saxatilis L. var. *rhomalea* Fern.
Carex scirpoidea Michx.
Carex vaginata Tausch
Eriophorum angustifolium Honck.
Eriophorum callitrix Cham.
Eriophorum russeolum Fries var. *albidum* Nyl.
Eriophorum scheuchzeri Hoppe
Eriophorum vaginatum L.
Kobresia myosuroides (Vill.)Fiorni & Paol.
Kobresia simpliciuscula (Wahlenb.)Mack.
Scirpus caespitosus L. ssp. *austriacus* (Pallas)Asch.& Graeb.

ELAEAGNACEAE

Shepherdia canadensis (L.)Nutt.

EMPETRACEAE

Empetrum nigrum L. ssp. *hermaphroditicum* (Lange)Bocher

EQUISETACEAE

Equisetum arvense L.
Equisetum palustre L.
Equisetum scirpoides Michx.
Equisetum sylvaticum L. var. *pauciramosum* Milde
Equisetum variegatum Schleich.

ERICACEAE

Andromeda polifolia L.
Arctostaphylos alpina (L.)Spreng.
Arctostaphylos uva-ursi (L.)Spreng.
Cassiope tetragona (L.)D.Don
Kalmia polifolia Wang.
Ledum decumbens (Ait.)Lodd.
Ledum groenlandicum Oeder
Loisleuria procumbens (L.)Desv.
Phyllodoce empetriformis (Sm.)D.Don
Rhododendron lapponicum (L.)Wahlenb.
Vaccinium uliginosum L.
Vaccinium vitis-idaea L. var. *minus* Lodd

FUMARIACEAE

Corydalis pauciflora (Steph.)Pers.

GENTIANACEAE

Gentiana glauca Pall.
Gentiana propinqua Richards.

Gentiana prostrata Haenke
Gentiana raupii Porsild

GRAMINEAE

Agropyron violaceum (Hornem.) Lge.
Agrostis scabra Willd.
Agrostis stolonifera L.
Alopecurus alpinus J.E. Smith
Arctagrostis arundinacea (Trin.) Beal
Arctagrostis latifolia (R.Br.) Griseb.
Calamagrostis canadensis (Michx.) Beauv. var. *langsдорffii* (Link.) Inman
Calamagrostis lapponica (Wahlenb.) Hartm. var. *nearctica* Porsild
Calamagrostis purpurascens R.Br.
Deschampsia brevifolia R.Br.
Deschampsia caespitosa (L.) Beauv.
Elymus innovatus Beal
Festuca altaica Trin.
Festuca baffinensis Polunin
Festuca brachyphylla Schultes
Festuca rubra L. ssp. *richardsonii* (Hook.) Hult.
Hierochloa alpina (Swartz) R. & S.
Hierochloa odorata (L.) Beauv.
Hordeum jubatum L.
Phleum commutatum Gaud.
Poa alpigena (Fries) Lindm.
Poa alpina L.
Poa arctica R.Br.
Poa glauca M. Vahl
Poa porsildii Gjaerevoll
Poa pratensis L.
Trisetum spicatum (L.) Richter
Triticum aestivum L.

HALORAGACEAE

Hippuris vulgaris L.

JUNCACEAE

Juncus albescens (Lange) Fern.
Juncus balticus L.
Juncus biglumis L.
Juncus castaneus Smith
Luzula arcuata (Wahlenb.) Sw.
Luzula confusa Lindb.
Luzula multiflora (Retz.) Lej.
Luzula nivalis (Laest.) Beurl.
Luzula parviflora (Ehrh.) Desv.
Luzula spicata (L.) DC.

JUNCAGINACEAE

Triglochin maritimum L.
Triglochin palustris L.

LEGUMINOSAE

Astragalus alpinus L.
Astragalus umbellatus Bunge
Hedysarum alpinum L. var. *americanum* Michx.
Hedysarum mackenzii Richards.
Lupinus arcticus S. Wats.
Oxytropis deflexa (Pall.) DC. var. *foliosa* (Hook.) Barneby
Oxytropis jordalii Porsild
Oxytropis maydelliana Trautv.
Oxytropis nigrescens (Pall.) Fisch.
Oxytropis sheldonensis Porsild



LENTIBULARIACEAE

Pinguicula vulgaris L.

LILIACEAE

Lloydia serotina (L.) Rchb.

Tofieldia coccinea Richards.

Tofieldia pusilla (Michx.) Pers.

Veratrum eschscholtzii A. Gray

Zygadenus elegans Pursh

LYCOPODIACEAE

Lycopodium alpinum L.

Lycopodium annotinum L.

Lycopodium clavatum L. var. *monostachyon* Grev. & Hook.

Lycopodium selago L.

ONAGRACEAE

Epilobium anagallidifolium Lam.

Epilobium angustifolium L.

Epilobium latifolium L.

Epilobium palustre L.

OPHIOGLOSSACEAE

Botrychium lunaria (L.) Sw.

ORCHIDACEAE

Corallorrhiza trifida Chatelain

Cypripedium passerinum Richards.

Habenaria hyperborea (L.) R. Br.

PAPAVERACEAE

Papaver keelei Porsild

Papaver radicum Rottb.

PINACEAE

Abies lasiocarpa (Hook.) Nutt.

Juniperus communis L.

Picea glauca (Moench) Voss

PLUMBAGINACEAE

Armeria maritima (Mill.) Willd.

POLEMONIACEAE

Polemonium acutiflorum Willd.

Polemonium boreale Adams

POLYGONACEAE

Oxyria digyna (L.) Hill

Polygonum bistorta L. ssp. *plumosum* (Small) Hult.

Polygonum viviparum L.

Rumex arcticus Trautv.

Rumex occidentalis Wats.

POLYPODIACEAE

Cystopteris fragilis (L.) Bernh.

Dryopteris fragrans (L.) Schott

Dryopteris robertiana (Hoffm.) C. Chr.

Woodsia glabella R. Br.

PORTULACACEAE

Claytonia megarrhiza (Gray) Parry

Claytonia tuberosa Pall.



PRIMULACEAE

Androsace chamaejasme Host var. *arcticus* Knuth
Primula egalikensis Wormsk.

PYROLACEAE

Pyrola asarifolia Michx.
Pyrola grandiflora Radius
Pyrola minor L.
Pyrola secunda L.

RANUNCULACEAE

Aconitum delphinifolium DC.
Anemone drummondii S.Wats.
Anemone narcissiflora L.
Anemone parviflora Michx.
Anemone richardsonii Hook.
Delphinium glaucum S.Wats.
Ranunculus eschscholtzii Schlecht.
Ranunculus hyperboreus Rottb.
Ranunculus nivalis L.
Ranunculus pygmaeus Wahlenb.
Ranunculus sulphureus Sol.
Thalictrum alpinum L.

ROSACEAE

Dryas crenulata Juz.
Dryas drummondii Richards.
Dryas hookeriana Juz.
Dryas integrifolia M.Vahl
Dryas octopetala L.
Dryas sylvatica (Hult.)Porsild
Geum macrophyllum Willd. ssp. *perincisum* (Rydb.)Raup
Geum rossii (R.Br.)Ser.
Potentilla biflora Willd.
Potentilla diversifolia Lehm. ssp. *glaucophylla* Lehm.
Potentilla elegans Cham.& Schlecht.
Potentilla fruticosa L.
Potentilla hyparctica Malte var. *elatior* (Abrom.)Fern.
Potentilla nivea L. ssp. *chamissonis* (Hult.)Hiit.
Potentilla norvegica L.
Potentilla palustris (L.)Scop.
Potentilla rubricaulis Lehm.
Potentilla uniflora Ledeb.
Potentilla vahlana Lehm.
Rosa acicularis Lindl.
Rubus acaulis Michx.
Rubus chamaemorus L.
Sibbaldia procumbens L.
Spiraea beauverdiana Schneid.

RUBIACEAE

Galium trifidum L.

SALICACEAE

Populus balsamifera L.
Populus tremuloides Michx.
Salix alaxensis (Anderss.)Cov.
Salix arbusculoides Anderss.
Salix arctica Pall.
Salix arctica x *S. polaris*
Salix arctophila Cockerell
Salix barclayi Anderss.
Salix barrattiana Hook.

Salix commutata Bebb
Salix dodgeana Rydb.
Salix glauca L.
Salix lanata L. ssp. *richardsonii* (Hook.) Skvortz.
Salix myrtillofolia Anderss.
Salix planifolia Pursh
Salix polaris Wahlenb. ssp. *pseudopolaris* (Flod.) Hult.
Salix reticulata L.

SAXIFRAGACEAE

Chrysosplenium tetrandrum (Lund.) T. Fries
Leptarrhena pyrolifolia (D. Don) Ser.
Parnassia fimbriata Koenig
Parnassia kotzebuei Cham. & Schlecht.
Parnassia palustris L. ssp. *neogaea* Hult.
Saxifraga aizoides L.
Saxifraga cernua L.
Saxifraga davurica Willd. ssp. *grandipetala* (Engl. & Irmsch.) Hult.
Saxifraga flagellaris Willd.
Saxifraga foliosa R. Br.
Saxifraga hieracifolia Waldst. & Kit.
Saxifraga hirculus L. var. *propinqua* (R. Br.) Simm.
Saxifraga oppositifolia L.
Saxifraga punctata L.
Saxifraga radiata Small
Saxifraga reflexa Hook.
Saxifraga rivularis L.
Saxifraga serpyllifolia Pursh
Saxifraga tricuspidata Rottb.

SCROPHULARIACEAE

Castilleja caudata (Pennell) Rebr.
Lagotis stelleri (Cham. & Schlecht.) Rupr.
Pedicularis arctica R. Br.
Pedicularis capitata Adams
Pedicularis labradorica Wirsing
Pedicularis lanata Cham. & Schlecht.
Pedicularis sudetica Willd.
Veronica wormskjoldii Roem. & Schult.

SELAGINELLACEAE

Selaginella selaginoides (L.) Link

VALERIANACEAE

Valeriana capitata Pall.

VIOLACEAE

Viola epipsila Ledeb. ssp. *repens* (Turcz.) Becker

APPENDIX V: COVER DIFFERENCES FROM CONTROLS FOR PLANTS ON CANOL
DISTURBANCES

Alphabetical Listing of Plant Abbreviations

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| ABI ABIE= <i>Abietinella abietina</i> | AUL ACUM= <i>Aulacomnium acuminatum</i> | CAR ATSQ= <i>Carex atosquama</i> |
| ABI LASI= <i>Abies lasiocarpa</i> | AUL PALU= <i>Aulacomnium palustre</i> | CAR ATFU= <i>Carex atrofusca</i> |
| ACA SCHL= <i>Acarospora schleicheri</i> | AUL TURG= <i>Aulacomnium turgidum</i> | CAR AURE= <i>Carex aurea</i> |
| ACH LANU= <i>Achillea lanulosa</i> | AULAC SP= <i>Aulacomnium species</i> (singular) | CAR BELL= <i>Cardamine bellidifolia</i> |
| ACO DELP= <i>Aconitum delphinifolium</i> | BAC ALPI= <i>Bacidia alpina</i> | CAR BRUN= <i>Carex brunescens</i> |
| AGO AURA= <i>Agoseris aurantiaca</i> | BAC BAGL= <i>Bacidia bagliettoana</i> | CAR CAPI= <i>Carex capillaris</i> |
| AGR ALBA= <i>Agrostis alba</i> (=A. stolonifera) | BAE CARN= <i>Baeomyces carneus</i> | CAR CONC= <i>Carex concinna</i> |
| AGR VIOL= <i>Agropyron violaceum</i> | BAE ROSE= <i>Baeomyces roseus</i> | CAR DEFL= <i>Carex deflexa</i> |
| AGS SCAB= <i>Agrostis scabra</i> | BAE RUFU= <i>Baeomyces rufus</i> | CAR GYNO= <i>Carex gynocrates</i> |
| AGY RIGI= <i>Agropyron rigida</i> | BAR ITHY= <i>Bartramia ithyphylla</i> | CAR GLAC= <i>Carex glacialis</i> |
| ALE OCHR= <i>Alectoris ochroleuca</i> | BASIDIOM= <i>Basidiomycete</i> (s) | CAR LACH= <i>Carex lachenalii</i> |
| ALN CRIS= <i>Alnus crispa</i> | BET GLAN= <i>Betula glandulosa</i> | CAR LUGE= <i>Carex lugens</i> |
| ALO ALPI= <i>Alopecurus alpinus</i> | BET PUMI= <i>Betula pumila glandulifera</i> | CAR MACL= <i>Carex macloviana</i> |
| AMBLYTE= <i>Amblystegiaceae</i> | BETULA = <i>Betula species</i> (singular) | CAR MEMB= <i>Carex membranacea</i> |
| AND CHAM= <i>Androsace chamaejasme</i> | BLE TRIC= <i>Blepharostema trichophylla</i> | CAR MICH= <i>Carex microchaeta</i> |
| AND POLI= <i>Andromeda polifolia</i> | BOT LUNA= <i>Botrychium lunaria</i> | CAR MICG= <i>Carex microglochin</i> |
| AND RUPE= <i>Andrea rupestris</i> | BRA CAMP= <i>Brassica campestris</i> | CAR MISA= <i>Carex misandra</i> |
| ANE DRUM= <i>Anemone drummondii</i> | BRA ERYT= <i>Brachythecium erythrorrhizon</i> | CAR NARD= <i>Carex nardina</i> |
| ANE NARC= <i>Anemone narcissiflora</i> | BRA GROE= <i>Brachythecium groenlandicum</i> | CAR PETR= <i>Carex petricosa</i> |
| ANE PARV= <i>Anemone parviflora</i> | BRA PURP= <i>Braya purpurascens</i> | CAR PHAE= <i>Carex phaeocephala</i> |
| ANE RICH= <i>Anemone richardsonii</i> | BRA RICH= <i>Braya richardsonii</i> | CAR PODO= <i>Carex podocarpa</i> |
| ANT DENS= <i>Antennaria densifolia</i> | BRA SALE= <i>Brachythecium salebrosum</i> | CAR PRAT= <i>Cardamine pratensis</i> |
| ANT EKMA= <i>Antennaria ekmaniana</i> | BRA STAR= <i>Brachythecium starkei</i> | CAR PYRE= <i>Carex pyrenaica</i> |
| ANT ISOL= <i>Antennaria isolepis</i> | BRA TURG= <i>Brachythecium turgidum</i> | CAR RUPE= <i>Carex rupestris</i> |
| ANT MONO= <i>Antennaria monocephala</i> | BRACH SP= <i>Brachythecium species</i> (singular) | CAR SAXA= <i>Carex saxatilis</i> |
| ANT NITI= <i>Antennaria nitida</i> | BRY BIMU= <i>Bryum bimum</i> | CAR SCIR= <i>Carex scirpoidea</i> |
| ANT STOL= <i>Antennaria stolonifera</i> | BRY PSEU= <i>Bryum pseudotriquetrum</i> | CAR UMBE= <i>Cardamine umbellata</i> |
| ANTEN SP= <i>Antennaria species</i> (singular) | BRY RECU= <i>Bryoerythrophyllum recurvirostrum</i> | CAR VAGI= <i>Carex vaginata</i> |
| ARA DIVA= <i>Arabis divaricarpa</i> | BRY TORT= <i>Bryum tortifolium</i> | CAREX SP= <i>Carex species</i> (singular) |
| ARA DRUM= <i>Arabis drummondii</i> | BRYACEAE= <i>Bryaceae</i> | CAS CAUD= <i>Castilleja caudata</i> |
| ARA LYRA= <i>Arabis lyrata</i> | BRYUM SP= <i>Bryum species</i> (singular) | CAS TETR= <i>Cassiope tetragona</i> |
| ARC ALPI= <i>Arctostaphylos alpina</i> | BUE DISC= <i>Buellia disciformis</i> | CASTI SP= <i>Castilleja species</i> (singular) |
| ARC LATI= <i>Arctagrostis latifolia</i> | BUE IMME= <i>Buellia immersa</i> | CAT NIGR= <i>Catascopium nigrum</i> |
| ARC UVA= <i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i> | BUE SCAB= <i>Buellia scabrosa</i> | CER BEER= <i>Cerastium beeringianum</i> |
| ARE HUMI= <i>Arenaria humifusa</i> | CAL CANA= <i>Calamagrostis canadensis</i> | CER PURP= <i>Ceratodon purpureus</i> |
| ARM MARI= <i>Armeria maritima</i> | CAL LAPP= <i>Calamagrostis lapponica</i> | CET COMM= <i>Cetraria commista</i> |
| ARN ALPI= <i>Arnica alpina</i> | CAL PURP= <i>Calamagrostis purpurascens</i> | CET CUCU= <i>Cetraria cucullata</i> |
| ARN LOUI= <i>Arnica louiseana</i> | CAL SARM= <i>Calliargon sarmentosum</i> | CET DELI= <i>Cetraria delisei</i> |
| ARN LESS= <i>Arnica lessingii</i> | CAL STRA= <i>Calliargon stramineum</i> | CET ERIC= <i>Cetraria ericetorum</i> |
| ART ARCT= <i>Artemisia arctica</i> | CAL VERN= <i>Callitriche verna</i> | CET HEPa= <i>Cetraria hepatizon</i> |
| ART T EL= <i>Artemisia tilesii elatior</i> | CAM CHRY= <i>Campylium chrysophyllum</i> | CET ISLA= <i>Cetraria islandica</i> |
| ART TILE= <i>Artemisia tilesii tilesii</i> | CAM LASI= <i>Campanula lasiocarpa</i> | CET LAEV= <i>Cetraria laevigata</i> |
| ASA CHRY= <i>Asahinea chrysanthia</i> | CAM POLI= <i>Campylium polygamum</i> | CET NIVA= <i>Cetraria nivalis</i> |
| ASR ALPI= <i>Astragalus alpinus</i> | CAM S AR= <i>Campylium stellatum arcticum</i> | CET PINA= <i>Cetraria pinastri</i> |
| AST ALPI= <i>Aster alpinus</i> | CAM STEL= <i>Campylium stellatum</i> | CET RICH= <i>Cetraria richardsonii</i> |
| AST SIBI= <i>Aster sibiricus</i> | CAM UNIF= <i>Campanula uniflora</i> | CET SEPI= <i>Cetraria sepincola</i> |
| AST UMBE= <i>Astragalus umbellatus</i> | CAR A AQ= <i>Carex aquatilis aquatilis</i> | CET SUBA= <i>Cetraria subalpina</i> |
| ASTRA SP= <i>Astragalus species</i> (singular) | CAR A ST= <i>Carex aquatilis stans</i> | CET TILE= <i>Cetraria tilesii</i> |

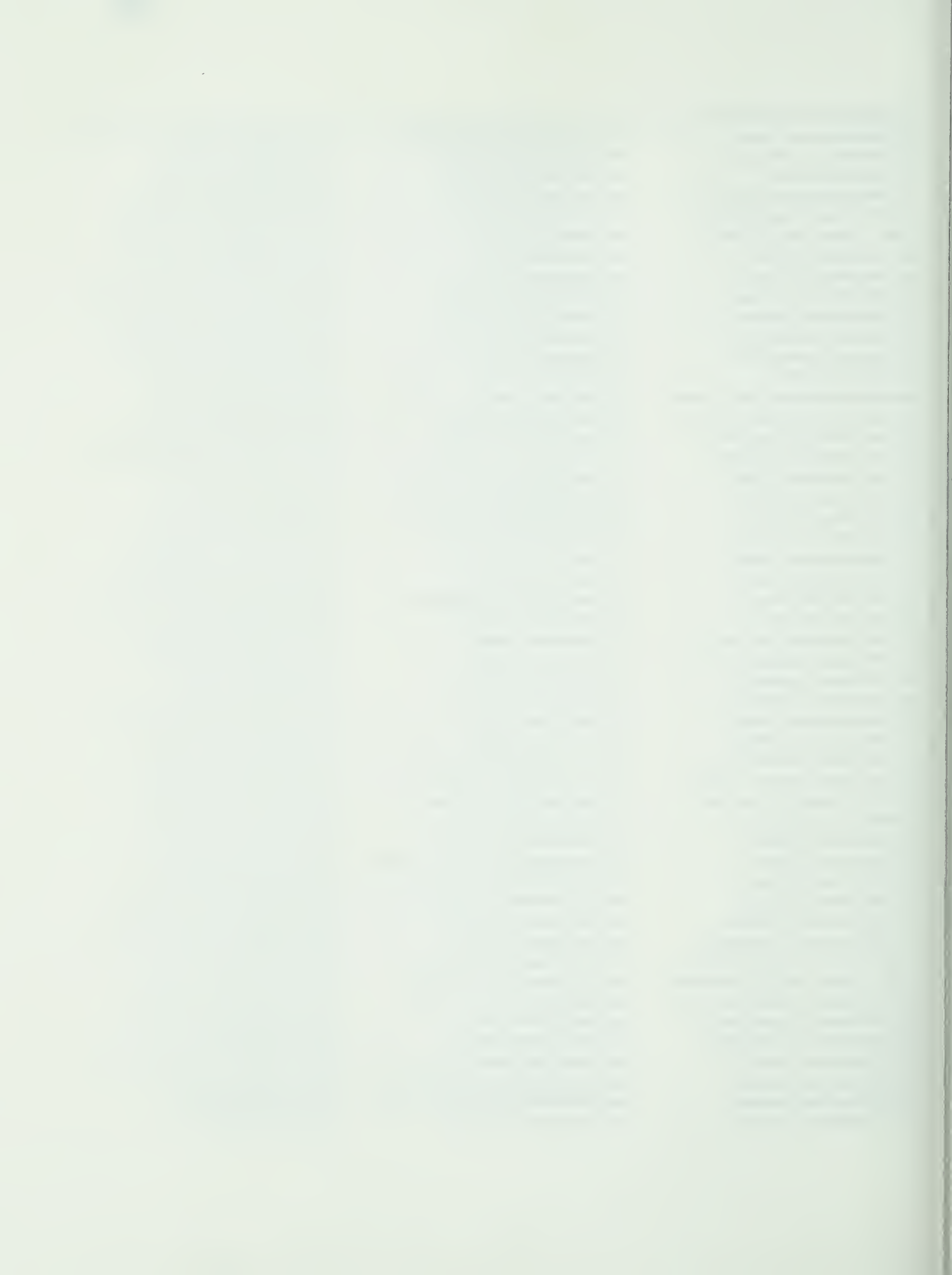
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| CETRA SP= <i>Cetraria</i> species (singular) | CLAD SPP= <i>Cladonia</i> species (plural) | DRA NIVA= <i>Draba nivalis</i> |
| CHE CAPI= <i>Chenopodium capitatum</i> | CLADINA = <i>Cladonia</i> species (fruticose) | DRA PORS= <i>Draba porsildii</i> |
| CHR INTE= <i>Chrysanthemum integrifolium</i> | CLADO SP= <i>Cladonia</i> species (singular) | DRA PRAE= <i>Draba praealta</i> |
| CHR TETR= <i>Chrysosplenium tetrandrum</i> | CLI DEND= <i>Climacium dendroides</i> | DRA BA SP= <i>Draba</i> species (singular) |
| CIN STYG= <i>Cinclidium stygium</i> | COLLEMA = <i>Collema</i> species (singular) | DRE EXAN= <i>Drepanocladus exannulatus</i> |
| CIR CIRRH= <i>Cirriophyllum cirrosum</i> | COMPO SP= <i>Compositae</i> species (singular) | DRE REVO= <i>Drepanocladus revolvens</i> |
| CLA ACUM= <i>Cladonia acuminata</i> | CON TETR= <i>Conostomum tetragonum</i> | DRE SEND= <i>Drepanocladus sendtneri</i> |
| CLA AMAU= <i>Cladonia amauracraea</i> | COR ACUL= <i>Cornicularia aculeata</i> | DRE UNCI= <i>Drepanocladus uncinatus</i> |
| CLA ARBU= <i>Cladonia arbuscula</i> | COR CANA= <i>Cornus canadensis</i> | DREPANOC= <i>Drepanocladus</i> species (sing) |
| CLA BACF= <i>Cladonia bacillariformis</i> | COR DIVE= <i>Cornicularia divergens</i> | DRY CREN= <i>Dryas crenulata</i> |
| CLA BACL= <i>Cladonia bacillaris</i> | COR PAUC= <i>Corydalis pauciflora</i> | DRY DRUM= <i>Dryas drummondii</i> |
| CLA BELL= <i>Cladonia bellidiflora</i> | COR TRIF= <i>Coralorrhiza trifida</i> | DRY FRAG= <i>Dryopteris fragrans</i> |
| CLA BOTR= <i>Cladonia botrytes</i> | CRA COMM= <i>Cratoneuron commutatum</i> | DRY HOOK= <i>Dryas hookeriana</i> |
| CLA CARI= <i>Cladonia cariosa</i> | CRE NANA= <i>Crepis nana</i> | DRY INTE= <i>Dryas integrifolia</i> |
| CLA CARN= <i>Cladonia carneola</i> | CRUCIFER= <i>Cruciferae</i> species (singular) | DRY OCTO= <i>Dryas octopetala</i> |
| CLA CENO= <i>Cladonia cenotea</i> | CRUSTOSE= <i>Crustose</i> Lichens (sing.or plural) | DRY ROBE= <i>Dryopteris robertina</i> |
| CLA CHLO= <i>Cladonia chlorophaea</i> | CYP PASS= <i>Cypripedium passerinum</i> | DRY SYLV= <i>Dryas sylvatica</i> |
| CLA COCC= <i>Cladonia coccifera</i> | CYR HYME= <i>Cyrtomium hymenophyllum</i> | ELY INNO= <i>Elymus innovatus</i> |
| CLA CORN= <i>Cladonia cornuta</i> | CYRTOMNI= <i>Cyrtomium</i> species (singular) | EMP NIGR= <i>Empetrum nigrum</i> |
| CLA CRIS= <i>Cladonia crispata</i> | CYS FRAG= <i>Cystopteris fragilis</i> | ENC AFFI= <i>Encalypta affinis</i> |
| CLA DECO= <i>Cladonia decorticata</i> | DAC ARCT= <i>Dactylina arctica</i> | ENC ALPI= <i>Encalypta alpina</i> |
| CLA DEFO= <i>Cladonia deformis</i> | DAC BERI= <i>Dactylina beringica</i> | ENC PROC= <i>Encalypta procera</i> |
| CLA ECMO= <i>Cladonia ecmocyna</i> | DAC RAMU= <i>Dactylina ramulosa</i> | ENCALYPT= <i>Encalypta</i> species (singular) |
| CLA FIMB= <i>Cladonia fimbriata</i> | DACTYLIN= <i>Dactylina</i> species (singular) | EPI ANAG= <i>Epilobium anagallidifolium</i> |
| CLA FURC= <i>Cladonia furcata</i> | DEL GLAU= <i>Delphinium glaucum</i> | EPI ANGU= <i>Epilobium angustifolium</i> |
| CLA G DI= <i>Cladonia gracilis dilatata</i> | DES BREV= <i>Deschampsia brevifolia</i> | EPI LATI= <i>Epilobium latifolium</i> |
| CLA G GR= <i>Cladonia gracilis gracilis</i> | DES CAES= <i>Deschampsia caespitosa</i> | EPI PALU= <i>Epilobium palustre</i> |
| CLA GONE= <i>Cladonia gonecha</i> | DES LATI= <i>Desmatodon latifolius</i> | EPILO SP= <i>Epilobium</i> species (singular) |
| CLA GRAC= <i>Cladonia gracilis</i> | DES RICH= <i>Descuriana richardsonii</i> | EQU ARVE= <i>Equisetum arvense</i> |
| CLA LEPI= <i>Cladonia lepidota</i> | DESMATAD= <i>Desmatodon</i> species (singular) | EQU PALU= <i>Equisetum palustre</i> |
| CLA MACA= <i>Cladonia macrophylla</i> | DIC ELON= <i>Dicranum elongatum</i> | EQU PRAT= <i>Equisetum pratense</i> |
| CLA MACR= <i>Cladonia macrophyllodes</i> | DIC PALL= <i>Dicranum pallidisetum</i> | EQU SCIR= <i>Equisetum scirpoides</i> |
| CLA MAJO= <i>Cladonia major</i> | DICRANOI= <i>Dicranaceae</i> species (singular) | EQU SYLV= <i>Equisetum sylvaticum</i> |
| CLA MEGA= <i>Claytonia megarrhiza</i> | DICRANUM= <i>Dicranum</i> species (singular) | EQU VARI= <i>Equisetum variegatum</i> |
| CLA META= <i>Cladonia metacorrallifera</i> | DIS CAPI= <i>Distichium capillaceum</i> | ERI ACRI= <i>Erigeron acris</i> |
| CLA MITI= <i>Cladonia mitis</i> | DIS INCL= <i>Distichium inclinatum</i> | ERI ANGU= <i>Eriophorum angustifolium</i> |
| CLA NORR= <i>Cladonia norrlini</i> | DISTICHI= <i>Distichium</i> species (singular) | ERI CALL= <i>Eriophorum callitrix</i> |
| CLA PHYL= <i>Cladonia phyllophora</i> | DIT FLEX= <i>Ditrichum flexicaule</i> | ERI ERIO= <i>Erigeron eriocephalus</i> |
| CLA PLEU= <i>Cladonia pleurota</i> | DITRICHU= <i>Ditrichaceae</i> species (singular) | ERI HUMI= <i>Erigeron humilis</i> |
| CLA POCI= <i>Cladonia pocillum</i> | DITRICHU= <i>Ditrichum</i> species (singular) | ERI HYPE= <i>Erigeron hyperboreus</i> |
| CLA POLY= <i>Cladonia polydactyla</i> | DRA ALBE= <i>Draba abietina</i> | ERI PURP= <i>Erigeron purpuratus</i> |
| CLA PYXI= <i>Cladonia pyxidata</i> | DRA ALPI= <i>Draba alpina</i> | ERI RUSS= <i>Eriophorum russeolum</i> |
| CLA RANG= <i>Cladonia rangiferina</i> | DRA BORE= <i>Draba borealis</i> | ERI SCHE= <i>Eriophorum scheuchzeri</i> |
| CLA SQUA= <i>Cladonia squamosa</i> | DRA CANA= <i>Draba cana</i> | ERI VAGI= <i>Eriophorum vaginatum</i> |
| CLA STEL= <i>Cladonia stellaris</i> | DRA CORY= <i>Draba corymbosa</i> | ERIGE SP= <i>Erigeron</i> species (singular) |
| CLA SUBF= <i>Cladonia subfurcata</i> | DRA CRAS= <i>Draba crassifolia</i> | ERIO SP= <i>Eriophorum</i> species (singular) |
| CLA SUBU= <i>Cladonia subulata</i> | DRA GLAB= <i>Draba glabella</i> | ERY CHEI= <i>Erysimum cheiranthoides</i> |
| CLA TUBE= <i>Claytonia tuberosa</i> | DRA LACT= <i>Draba lactea</i> | EUT EDWA= <i>Eutrema edwardsii</i> |
| CLA UNCI= <i>Cladonia uncialis</i> | DRA LONG= <i>Draba longipes</i> | EVE PERF= <i>Evermia perfragilis</i> |
| CLA VERT= <i>Cladonia verticillata</i> | DRA OGLI= <i>Draba ogilviensis</i> | FES ALTA= <i>Festuca altaica</i> |



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| FES BAFF= <i>Festuca baffinensis</i> | LEC FLAV= <i>Lecidea flavocaerulescens</i> | MYU JULA= <i>Myurella julacea</i> |
| FES BRAC= <i>Festuca brachyphylla</i> | LEC GLAU= <i>Lecidea glaucophaea</i> | NEP ARCT= <i>Nephroma arcticum</i> |
| FES RUBR= <i>Festuca rubra</i> | LEC GRAN= <i>Lecidea granulosa</i> | NEP EXPA= <i>Nephroma expallidum</i> |
| FIS OSMU= <i>Fissidens osmundoides</i> | LEC HYPO= <i>Lecidea hypocrita</i> | OCH ANDR= <i>Ochrolechia androgyna</i> |
| FUN HYGR= <i>Funaria hygrometrica</i> | LEC INTR= <i>Lecanora intricata</i> | OCH GEMI= <i>Ochrolechia geminipara</i> |
| FUNGI =Fungi species (singular) | LEC JURA= <i>Lecidea jurana</i> | OCH INAE= <i>Ochrolechia inaequatula</i> |
| GAL TRIF= <i>Galium trifidum</i> | LEC LIMO= <i>Lecidea limosa</i> | OCH ULIG= <i>Ochrolechia uliginosa</i> |
| GEN GLAU= <i>Gentiana glauca</i> | LEC MACR= <i>Lecidea macrocarpa</i> | OCHRO SP= <i>Ochrolechia</i> species (singular) |
| GEN PROP= <i>Gentiana propinqua</i> | LEC PANT= <i>Lecidea pantherina</i> | OLIGOTRI= <i>Oligotrichum</i> species (singular) |
| GEN PROS= <i>Gentiana prostrata</i> | LEC STIG= <i>Lecidella stigmataea</i> | OMP DECU= <i>Omphalodiscus decussatus</i> |
| GEN RAUP= <i>Gentiana raupii</i> | LEC URCE= <i>Lecanora urceolaria</i> | OMP KRAS= <i>Omphalodiscus krascheninniki</i> |
| GEU MACR= <i>Geum macrophyllum</i> | LEC VERN= <i>Lecidea vernalis</i> | OMP VIRG= <i>Omphalodiscus virginis</i> |
| GEU ROSS= <i>Geum rossii</i> | LECIDEA = <i>Lecidea</i> species (singular) | ONC VIRE= <i>Oncophorus virens</i> |
| GRAMINEA= <i>Gramineae</i> species (singular) | LED DECU= <i>Ledum decumbens</i> | ORT CRYO= <i>Orthothecium cryseum</i> |
| GRIMMIA = <i>Grimmia</i> species (singular) | LED GROE= <i>Ledum groenlandicum</i> | ORT STRI= <i>Orthothecium strictum</i> |
| HAB HYPE= <i>Habenaria hyperborea</i> | LEP DENS= <i>Lepidium densiflorum</i> | ORTHOTRI= <i>Orthothrichum</i> species (singular) |
| HAE LAPP= <i>Haematomma lapponicum</i> | LEP MEMB= <i>Lepraria membranacea</i> | OTHR VAS=Unidentified Vascular Plant |
| HED ALPI= <i>Hedysarum alpinum</i> | LEP NEGL= <i>Lepraria neglecta</i> | OXY DEFL= <i>Oxytropis deflexa</i> |
| HED MACK= <i>Hedysarum mackenzii</i> | LEP PYRO= <i>Leptarrhena pyrolifolia</i> | OXY DIGY= <i>Oxyria digyna</i> |
| HEPATICS=Hepatic species | LES ARCT= <i>Lesquerella arctica</i> | OXY JORD= <i>Oxytropis jordalii</i> |
| HIE ALPI= <i>Hierochloa alpina</i> | LES RAD1= <i>Lescurea radicata</i> | OXY MAYD= <i>Oxytropis maydelliana</i> |
| HIE ODOR= <i>Hierochloa odorata</i> | LIN BORE= <i>Linnaea borealis</i> | OXY NIGR= <i>Oxytropis nigrescens</i> |
| HIE TRIS= <i>Hieracium triste</i> | LLO SERO= <i>Lloydia serotina</i> | OXY SHEL= <i>Oxytropis sheldonensis</i> |
| HIP VULG= <i>Hippuris vulgaris</i> | LOI PROC= <i>Loisleuria procumbens</i> | OXYTR SP= <i>Oxytropis</i> species (singular) |
| HOR JUBA= <i>Hordeum jubatum</i> | LUP ARCT= <i>Lupinus arcticus</i> | PAL SQUA= <i>Paludella squarrosa</i> |
| HYL SPLE= <i>Hylocomium splendens</i> | LUZ ARCU= <i>Luzula arcuata</i> | PAN PEZI= <i>Pannaria pezizoides</i> |
| HYP BAMB= <i>Hypnum bambergii</i> | LUZ CONF= <i>Luzula confusa</i> | PAN RUBI= <i>Pannaria rubiginosa</i> |
| HYP CUPR= <i>Hypnum cupressiforme</i> | LUZ MULT= <i>Luzula multiflora</i> | PAP KEEL= <i>Papaver keelei</i> |
| HYP LIND= <i>Hypnum lindbergii</i> | LUZ NIVA= <i>Luzula nivalis</i> | PAP RAD1= <i>Papaver radicum</i> |
| HYP OROA= <i>Hypogymnia oroarctica</i> | LUZ PARV= <i>Luzula parviflora</i> | PAPAV SP= <i>Papaver</i> species (singular) |
| HYP PROC= <i>Hypnum procerrimum</i> | LUZ SPIC= <i>Luzula spicata</i> | PAR AMBI= <i>Parmeliopsis ambigua</i> |
| HYP REVO= <i>Hypnum revolutum</i> | LUZULA = <i>Luzula</i> species (singular) | PAR CENT= <i>Parmelia centrifuga</i> |
| HYPNUM = <i>Hypnum</i> species (singular) | LYC ALPI= <i>Lycopodium alpinum</i> | PAR FIMB= <i>Parmassia fimbriata</i> |
| ICM ERIC= <i>Imadophila ericetorum</i> | LYC ANNO= <i>Lycopodium annotinum</i> | PAR HYPE= <i>Parmeliopsis hyperota</i> |
| JUGERMAN = <i>Jungermanniales</i> | LYC CLAV= <i>Lycopodium clavatum</i> | PAR KOTZ= <i>Parmassia kotzebuei</i> |
| JUN ALBE= <i>Juncus albescens</i> | LYC SELA= <i>Lycopodium selago</i> | PAR NUDI= <i>Parrya nudicaulis</i> |
| JUN BALT= <i>Juncus balticus</i> | LYCOP SP= <i>Lycopodium</i> species (singular) | PAR PALU= <i>Parmassia palustris</i> |
| JUN BIGL= <i>Juncus biglumis</i> | MEL APET= <i>Melandrium apetalum</i> | PAR SEPA= <i>Parmelia separata</i> |
| JUN CAST= <i>Juncus catsaneus</i> | MER PANI= <i>Mertensia paniculata</i> | PAR SEPT= <i>Parmelia septentrionalis</i> |
| JUN COMM= <i>Juniperus communis</i> | MIN ARCT= <i>Minuartia arctica</i> | PARME SP= <i>Parmelia</i> species (singular) |
| JUN HORI= <i>Juniperus horizontalis</i> | MIN BIFL= <i>Minuartia biflora</i> | PARNA SP= <i>Parmassia</i> species (singular) |
| JUNCUS = <i>Juncus</i> species (singular) | MIN MACR= <i>Minuartia macrocarpa</i> | PED ARCT= <i>Pedicularis arctica</i> |
| KAL P MI= <i>Kalmia polifolia microphylla</i> | MIN R EL= <i>Minuartia rossii elegans</i> | PED CAPI= <i>Pedicularis capitata</i> |
| KAL P PO= <i>Kalmia polifolia polifolia</i> | MIN ROSS= <i>Minuartia rossii rossii</i> | PED LABR= <i>Pedicularis labradorica</i> |
| KOB MYOS= <i>Kobresia myosuroides</i> | MIN RUBE= <i>Minuartia rubella</i> | PED LANA= <i>Pedicularis lanata</i> |
| KOB SIMP= <i>Kobresia simpliciuscula</i> | MIN STRI= <i>Minuartia stricta</i> | PED SUDE= <i>Pedicularis sudetica</i> |
| LAG STEL= <i>Lagotis stelleri</i> | MIS LICH= <i>Miscellaneous Lichens</i> (plural) | PEDIC SP= <i>Pedicularis</i> species (singular) |
| LEC AURI= <i>Lecidea auriculata</i> | MOE LATE= <i>Moehringia lateriflora</i> | PEL APHT= <i>Peltigera aphthosa</i> |
| LEC CRUS= <i>Lecidea crustulata</i> | MOSS SPP= <i>Miscellaneous Mosses</i> (plural) | PEL CANI= <i>Peltigera canina</i> |
| LEC EPIB= <i>Lecanora epiphyron</i> | MYO ALPE= <i>Myosotis alpestris</i> | PEL MALA= <i>Peltigera malacea</i> |

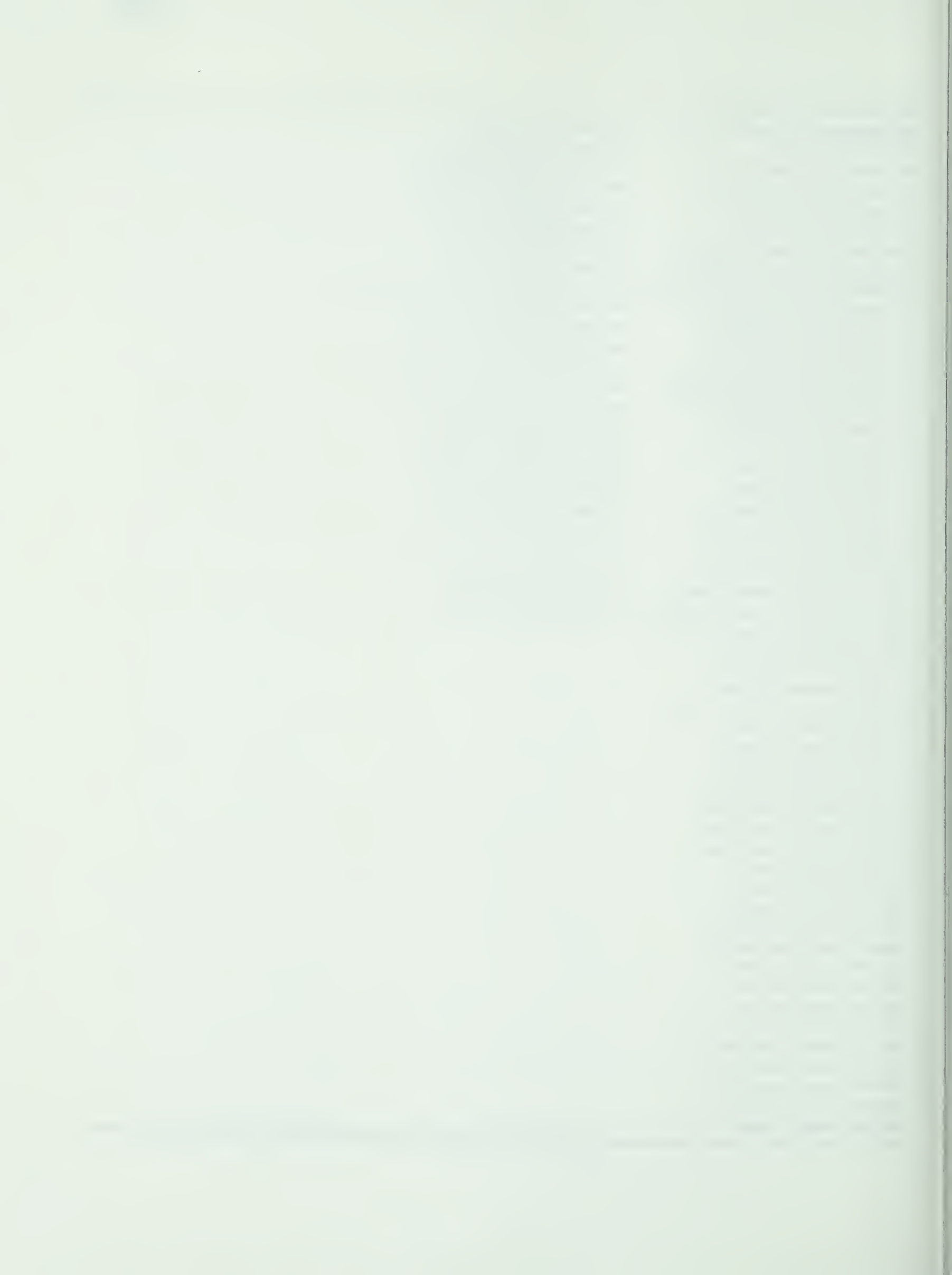


Alphabetical Listing Continued

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| PEL POLY= <i>Peltigera polydactyla</i> | POLY SPP= <i>Polytrichum</i> species (plural) | RUM OCCI= <i>Rumex occidentalis</i> |
| PEL PULV= <i>Peltigera pulverulenta</i> | POLYT SP= <i>Polytrichum</i> species (singular) | SAG INTE= <i>Sagina intermedia</i> |
| PEL RUF= <i>Peltigera rufescens</i> | POP BALS= <i>Populus balsamifera</i> | SAG LINN= <i>Sagina linnaea</i> |
| PEL SPUR= <i>Peltigera spuria</i> | POP TREM= <i>Populus tremuloides</i> | SAGINA = <i>Sagina</i> species (singular) |
| PEL VENO= <i>Peltogera venosa</i> | POT BIFL= <i>Potentilla biflora</i> | SAL A XP= <i>Salix arctica</i> x <i>polaris</i> |
| PELT SPP= <i>Peltigera</i> species (plural) | POT OIVE= <i>Potentilla diversifolia</i> | SAL ALAX= <i>Salix alaxensis</i> |
| PELTI SP= <i>Peltigera</i> species (singular) | POT ELEG= <i>Potentilla elegans</i> | SAL ARBU= <i>Salix arbusculoides</i> |
| PER OACT= <i>Pertusaria dactylina</i> | POT FRUT= <i>Potentilla fruticosa</i> | SAL ARPH= <i>Salix arctophila</i> |
| PET FRIG= <i>Petasites frigidus</i> | POT HYPA= <i>Potentilla hyparctica</i> | SAL ARCT= <i>Salix arctica</i> |
| PET HYPE= <i>Petasites hyperboreus</i> | POT NIVE= <i>Potentilla nivea</i> | SAL BARC= <i>Salix barclayi</i> |
| PET PALM= <i>Petasites palmatus</i> | POT NORV= <i>Potentilla norvegica</i> | SAL BARR= <i>Salix barrattiana</i> |
| PHI FONT= <i>Philonotis fontana</i> | POT PALU= <i>Potentilla palustris</i> | SAL BRAC= <i>Salix brachycarpa</i> |
| PHI TOME= <i>Philonotis tomentella</i> | POT RUBR= <i>Potentilla rubricaulis</i> | SAL COMM= <i>Salix commutata</i> |
| PHL COMM= <i>Phleum commutatum</i> | POT UNIF= <i>Potentilla uniflora</i> | SAL DOOG= <i>Salix dodgeana</i> |
| PHY CAES= <i>Physcia caesia</i> | POT VAHL= <i>Potentilla vahliana</i> | SAL GLAU= <i>Salix glauca</i> |
| PHY EMPT= <i>Phyllodoce empetriiformis</i> | PRI EGAL= <i>Primula egalensis</i> | SAL LANA= <i>Salix lanata</i> |
| PIC GLAU= <i>Picea glauca</i> | PSO HYPN= <i>Psoroma hypnorum</i> | SAL MYRT= <i>Salix myrtillofolia</i> |
| PIN VULG= <i>Pinguicula vulgaris</i> | PTI CRIS= <i>Ptilium crista-castrensis</i> | SAL PLAN= <i>Salix planifolia</i> |
| PLA CUSP= <i>Plagiommium cuspidatum</i> | PYR ASAR= <i>Pyrola asarifolia</i> | SAL POLA= <i>Salix polaris</i> |
| PLA ELLI= <i>Plagiommium ellipticum</i> | PYR GRAN= <i>Pyrola grandiflora</i> | SAL RETI= <i>Salix reticulata</i> |
| PLA JUNG= <i>Platydictya jugermannii</i> | PYR MINO= <i>Pyrola minor</i> | SAL SPP = <i>Salix</i> species (plural) |
| PLA MEOI= <i>Plagiommium medium</i> | PYR SECU= <i>Pyrola secunda</i> | SALIX SP= <i>Salix</i> species (singular) |
| PLE SCHR= <i>Pleurozium schreberi</i> | PYROL SP= <i>Pyrola</i> species (singular) | SAU ANGU= <i>Saussurea angustifolia</i> |
| POA ALPG= <i>Poa alpigena</i> | RAN ESCH= <i>Ranunculus eschscholtzii</i> | SAX AIZO= <i>Saxifraga aizoides</i> |
| POA ALPN= <i>Poa alpina</i> | RAN HYPE= <i>Ranunculus hyperboreus</i> | SAX CERN= <i>Saxifraga cernua</i> |
| POA ARCT= <i>Poa arctica</i> | RAN NIVA= <i>Ranunculus nivalis</i> | SAX OAVU= <i>Saxifraga davurica</i> |
| POA GLAU= <i>Poa glauca</i> | RAN PYGM= <i>Ranunculus pygmaeus</i> | SAX FLAG= <i>Saxifraga flagellaris</i> |
| POA PAUC= <i>Poa pauciflora</i> | RAN SULP= <i>Ranunculus sulphureus</i> | SAX FOLI= <i>Saxifraga foliosa</i> |
| POA PORS= <i>Poa porsildii</i> | RANUN SP= <i>Ranunculus</i> species (singular) | SAX HIER= <i>Saxifraga hieracifolia</i> |
| POA PRAT= <i>Poa pratensis</i> | RHA CANE= <i>Rhacomitrium canescens</i> | SAX HIRC= <i>Saxifraga hirculus</i> |
| POA SP = <i>Poa</i> species (singular) | RHA LANU= <i>Rhacomitrium lanuginosum</i> | SAX LICH= <i>Saxicolous</i> Lichens |
| POG ALPI= <i>Pogonatum alpinum</i> | RHI CHIO= <i>Rhizocarpon chioneum</i> | SAX OPPO= <i>Saxifraga oppositifolia</i> |
| POG DENT= <i>Pogonatum dentatum</i> | RHI EUPE= <i>Rhizocarpon eupetraeoides</i> | SAX PUNC= <i>Saxifraga punctata</i> |
| POG URNI= <i>Pogonatum urnigerum</i> | RHI GEOG= <i>Rhizocarpon geographicum</i> | SAX RAOI= <i>Saxifraga radiata</i> |
| POH CRUO= <i>Pohlia cruda</i> | RHI INAR= <i>Rhizocarpon inarense</i> | SAX REFL= <i>Saxifraga reflexa</i> |
| POH NUTA= <i>Pohlia nutans</i> | RHI PSEU= <i>Rhizomnium pseudopunctatum</i> | SAX RIVU= <i>Saxifraga rivularis</i> |
| PCHLIA = <i>Pohlia</i> species (singular) | RHI PUNC= <i>Rhizomnium punctatum</i> | SAX SERP= <i>Saxifraga serphyllifolia</i> |
| POL ACUT= <i>Polemonium acutiflorum</i> | RHI RIPA= <i>Rhizocarpon riparium</i> | SAX TRIC= <i>Saxifraga triouspidata</i> |
| POL BIST= <i>Polygonum bistorta</i> | RHI UMBI= <i>Rhizocarpon umbilicatum</i> | SCI CAES= <i>Scirpus caespitosus</i> |
| POL BORE= <i>Polemonium borealis</i> | RHIZO SP= <i>Rhizocarpon</i> species (singular) | SCHISTID= <i>Schistidium</i> species (sing) |
| POL COMM= <i>Polytrichum commune</i> | RHIZOMNI= <i>Rhizomnium</i> species (singular) | SEL SELA= <i>Selaginella selaginoides</i> |
| POL GELA= <i>Polyblastia gelatinosa</i> | RHO INTE= <i>Rhodiola integrifolia</i> | SEN ATRO= <i>Senecio atropurpureus</i> |
| POL GOTH= <i>Polyblastia gothica</i> | RHO LAPP= <i>Rhododendron lapponicum</i> | SEN CYMB= <i>Senecio cymbalaria</i> |
| POL HYPE= <i>Polytrichum hyperboreum</i> | RHY RUGO= <i>Rhytidium rugosum</i> | SEN KJEL= <i>Senecio kjellmanii</i> |
| POL JUNI= <i>Polytrichum juniperinum</i> | RIB TRIS= <i>Ribes triste</i> | SEN LUGE= <i>Senecio lugens</i> |
| POL PILI= <i>Polytrichum piliferum</i> | RIN ROSI= <i>Rinodina roscida</i> | SEN TRIA= <i>Senecio triangularis</i> |
| POL SENO= <i>Polyblastia sendtneri</i> | RIN TURF= <i>Rinodina turfacea</i> | SEN YUKO= <i>Senecio yukonensis</i> |
| POL STRI= <i>Polytrichum strictum</i> | ROS ACIC= <i>Rosa acicularis</i> | SENECIO = <i>Senecio</i> species (singular) |
| POL THEL= <i>Polyblastia theleodes</i> | RUB ACAU= <i>Rubus acaulis</i> | SHE CANA= <i>Shepherdia canadensis</i> |
| POL VIVI= <i>Polygonum viviparum</i> | RUB CHAM= <i>Rubus chamaemorus</i> | SIB PROC= <i>Sibbaldia procumbens</i> |
| | RUM ARCT= <i>Rumex arcticus</i> | SIL ACAU= <i>Silene acaulis</i> |

Alphabetical Listing Continued

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|---|--|
| SME BORE= <i>Smelowskia borealis</i> | TOR RURA= <i>Tortula ruralis</i> |
| SOIL LIC=Soil Lichens | TOR TORT= <i>Tortella tortuosa</i> |
| SOL BISP= <i>Solarina bispora</i> | TRI ARCT= <i>Trichostomum arcticum</i> |
| SOL CROC= <i>Solarina crocea</i> | TRI CRIS= <i>Trichostomum crispulum</i> |
| SOL MULT= <i>Solidago multiradiata</i> | TRI MARI= <i>Triglochin maritimum</i> |
| SOL SACC= <i>Solarina saccata</i> | TRI PALU= <i>Triglochin palustris</i> |
| SOLARINA= <i>Solarina</i> species (singular) | TRS SPIC= <i>Trisetum spicatum</i> |
| SPH GLOB= <i>Sphaerophorous globosus</i> | TRT AEST= <i>Triticum aestivum</i> |
| SPHAGNUM= <i>Sphagnum</i> species (sing.& plural) | UMB H RA= <i>Umbilicaria hyperborea radiculata</i> |
| SPI BEAU= <i>Spiraea beauverdiana</i> | UMB HYPE= <i>Umbilicaria hyperborea</i> |
| SPO TEST= <i>Sporastatia testudinea</i> | UMB PROB= <i>Umbilicaria proboscidea</i> |
| STE ALPI= <i>Stereocaulon alpinum</i> | UMB TORR= <i>Umbilicaria torrefacta</i> |
| STE COND= <i>Stereocaulon condensatum</i> | UMBIL SP= <i>Umbilicaria</i> species (singular) |
| STE DACT= <i>Stereocaulon dactylophyllum</i> | VAC ULIG= <i>Vaccinium uliginosum</i> |
| STE EDWA= <i>Stellaria edwardsii</i> | VAC VITI= <i>Vaccinium vitis-idaea</i> |
| STE GLAR= <i>Stereocaulon glareosum</i> | VAL CAPI= <i>Valeriana capitata</i> |
| STE LAET= <i>Stellaria laeta</i> | VER AETH= <i>Verrucaria aethiobola</i> |
| STE LONG= <i>Stellaria longipes</i> | VER ESCH= <i>Veratrum eschscholtzii</i> |
| STE MONA= <i>Stellaria monantha</i> | VER MURA= <i>Verrucaria muralis</i> |
| STE PASC= <i>Stereocaulon paschale</i> | VER WORM= <i>Veronica wormskjoldii</i> |
| STE RIVU= <i>Stereocaulon rivulorum</i> | VIO EPIP= <i>Viola epipsila</i> |
| STE SAXA= <i>Stereocaulon saxatile</i> | VIOLA SP= <i>Viola</i> species (singular) |
| STE TOME= <i>Stereocaulon tomentosum</i> | WEI CONT= <i>Weisia controversa</i> |
| STELL SP= <i>Stellaria</i> species (singular) | WOO GLAB= <i>Woodsia glabella</i> |
| STER SPP= <i>Stereocaulon</i> species (plural) | ZYG ELEG= <i>Zygadenus elegans</i> |
| STERE SP= <i>Stereocaulon</i> species (singular) | |
| TAR ALAS= <i>Taraxacum alaskanum</i> | |
| TAR MAUR= <i>Taraxacum maurolepium</i> | |
| TAR OFFI= <i>Taraxacum officinale</i> | |
| TARAX SP= <i>Taraxacum</i> species (singular) | |
| TER ALGA=Terrestrial Algae | |
| TET MNIO= <i>Tetraplodon mnioides</i> | |
| TET PARA= <i>Tetraplodon paradoxus</i> | |
| THA ALPI= <i>Thalictrum alpinum</i> | |
| THA SUBU= <i>Thamnia subuliformis</i> | |
| THA VERM= <i>Thamnia vermicularis</i> | |
| THE AENE= <i>Thelidium aeneovinosum</i> | |
| THL ARVE= <i>Thlaspi arvense</i> | |
| TOF COCC= <i>Tofieldia coccinea</i> | |
| TOF PUSI= <i>Tofieldia pusilla</i> | |
| TOM NITE= <i>Tomenthypnum nitens</i> | |
| TOMENTHY= <i>Tomenthypnum</i> species | |
| TON LOBU= <i>Toninia lobulata</i> | |
| TON TRIS= <i>Toninia tristis</i> | |
| TOR ARCT= <i>Tortella arctica</i> | |
| TOR FRAG= <i>Tortella fragilis</i> | |
| TOR INCL= <i>Tortella inclinata</i> | |
| TOR LATI= <i>Tortula latifolia</i> | |
| TOR MUCR= <i>Tortula mucronifolia</i> | |
| TOR NORV= <i>Tortula norvegica</i> | |
| TOR RIGE= <i>Tortella rigens</i> | |



B.1 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Roads (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)

In Miscellaneous Mosses-Carex Species Tundra (n=7)

| SPECIES | COV OIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV OIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV OIF | DISTB | CONTR |
|-----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| MER PANI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | CER BEER | 0.205 | 2 | 1 | MIN BIFL | 0.007 | 3 | 0 |
| SAG INTE | 0.520 | 2 | 0 | SAD LINN | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | STE LAET | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| MOE LATE | 0.640 | 1 | 0 | ACH LAMJ | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | ANT MONO | -0.065 | 2 | 2 |
| ART ARCT | 2.770 | 6 | 5 | ART TITE | 2.050 | 2 | 0 | ERI HUMI | 0.040 | 1 | 0 |
| PET FRIG | -0.240 | 1 | 1 | PET HYPE | 0.067 | 3 | 0 | SENEC SP | 0.0 | 1 | 0 |
| SEN LUGE | 0.316 | 5 | 0 | SEN TRIA | 0.010 | 2 | 0 | TARAK SP | 0.040 | 1 | 0 |
| TAR ALAS | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | RHD INTE | -0.066 | 5 | 3 | ARA LYRA | 0.225 | 2 | 0 |
| CAR UMBE | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | BRA CAMP | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | DRA CRAS | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| CAR LONG | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | CAR A AO | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | CAR POOD | -4.722 | 4 | 4 |
| CAR VAGI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | EMP NIGR | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | EOU ARVE | 3.623 | 3 | 1 |
| GEN GLAU | -0.140 | 1 | 1 | ALO ALPI | 0.010 | 2 | 0 | POA PRAT | 14.500 | 1 | 0 |
| CAL CANA | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | UES CAES | 3.248 | 5 | 1 | POA ARCT | 3.040 | 1 | 0 |
| TRIS SPIC | 6.758 | 5 | 0 | LUZ ARCU | -0.180 | 1 | 1 | LUZ PARV | -0.146 | 5 | 1 |
| LUZ SPIC | 0.010 | 2 | 0 | LYC SELA | -0.010 | 1 | 1 | EPI ANAG | 4.530 | 1 | 0 |
| EPI ANGU | 0.910 | 5 | 0 | EPI LATI | 1.723 | 3 | 0 | ROT LUNA | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| POL ACUT | -0.060 | 2 | 2 | POL VIVI | -0.240 | 1 | 1 | RUM ARCT | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| PYROL SP | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | ACO DELP | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | ANE ARCT | -0.070 | 2 | 2 |
| ANL PARV | 0.140 | 1 | 0 | RAN ESCH | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | STB PROC | 0.240 | 7 | 3 |
| SAL ALAX | 0.010 | 4 | 0 | SAL ARCT | 0.040 | 1 | 0 | SAL LANA | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| CHL TETR | -0.240 | 5 | 3 | SAL POLA | -0.565 | 2 | 2 | SAL RETI | -1.545 | 2 | 2 |
| LAG STELL | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | PER KOTZ | 0.170 | 2 | 1 | CASI SP | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| MIS LICH | 6.850 | 2 | 0 | CET NIVA | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | VER WORM | 1.560 | 1 | 0 |
| CLAUD SP | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | CLA CART | 0.353 | 3 | 0 | CET RICH | -0.140 | 1 | 1 |
| CLA FIMB | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | OAC BERT | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | CLA CHLO | 0.0 | 1 | 0 |
| OAC ARCT | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | PEL CANI | 0.467 | 3 | 0 | PAN PEZI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| PEL APHT | -0.815 | 2 | 2 | PEL SPUR | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | PSO HYPN | 0.0 | 1 | 0 |
| PEL RUFE | 0.430 | 3 | 0 | STE ALPI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | STE GLAR | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| SOL CRUC | 0.580 | 2 | 2 | STE TOME | 2.580 | 2 | 0 | TUN LOBU | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| STE SAZA | 0.070 | 2 | 0 | STERE SP | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | HEPATICS | 0.010 | 3 | 0 |
| SOIL LIC | 0.190 | 1 | 0 | POLY SP | 0.090 | 1 | 0 | AUL PALU | 0.010 | 1 | 1 |
| MOSS SPP | -32.889 | 7 | 7 | BRY PSEU | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | CAT MIGR | 0.0 | 1 | 0 |
| BRYUM SP | 0.0 | 2 | 0 | DESMATAO | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | DES LATI | 0.0 | 1 | 0 |
| CER PURP | 0.0 | 3 | 0 | DNC VIRE | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | PLE SCHR | 0.0 | 1 | 1 |
| DRE UNCI | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | POG URNI | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | POH LIA | 0.0 | 1 | 0 |
| PUG ALPI | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | POL JUNI | 0.0 | 2 | 0 | POL PILI | 0.0 | 1 | 0 |
| POL HYPE | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| RHA CANE | 0.0 | 3 | 0 | | | | | | | | |

IN CONTROLS BUT NOT IN DISTURBANCES

| SPECIES | COV OIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV OIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV OIF | DISTB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| BEL GLAN | 0.010 | 0 | 1 | MVO ALPE | -0.010 | 0 | 2 | MIN BIFL | -0.040 | 0 | 1 |
| STELL SP | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | ANT MONO | -0.340 | 0 | 2 | PET FRIG | -0.070 | 0 | 1 |
| SEN TRIA | -0.065 | 0 | 2 | SEN TRIA | -0.140 | 0 | 1 | SEN YUKO | -0.050 | 0 | 4 |
| RHO INTE | -0.600 | 0 | 1 | DRA ALBE | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | CAREX SP | -0.365 | 0 | 2 |
| CAR A ST | -9.007 | 0 | 3 | CAR PUOD | -22.000 | 0 | 1 | ERI ANGU | -0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| EDU SCER | -0.010 | 0 | 2 | CAS TETR | -3.640 | 0 | 3 | KAL P MI | -0.250 | 0 | 1 |
| LEU GROE | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | VAC ULIG | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | VAC VITE | -0.750 | 0 | 1 |
| COR PAUC | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | GEN GLAU | -0.095 | 0 | 4 | ARC LATI | -4.355 | 0 | 2 |
| DES CAES | -2.070 | 0 | 1 | SAL COMM | -2.020 | 0 | 2 | FES ALTA | -4.530 | 0 | 1 |
| LYC ALPI | -0.020 | 0 | 3 | LYC SELA | -0.010 | 0 | 2 | LLO SERO | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| POL VIVI | -0.040 | 0 | 1 | RUM ARCT | -0.390 | 0 | 1 | POL ACUT | -0.487 | 0 | 3 |
| ANE RICH | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | ANE NARC | -0.010 | 0 | 3 | CLA TUBE | -0.130 | 0 | 2 |
| RUB ACAL | -0.540 | 0 | 1 | RAN ESCH | -4.800 | 0 | 1 | ANE PARV | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| CHL TETR | -0.140 | 0 | 1 | SAL PLAN | -0.470 | 0 | 3 | RAN SUIP | -0.250 | 0 | 1 |
| PEO SHOE | -0.010 | 0 | 3 | SAX HTER | -0.040 | 0 | 1 | SAL POLA | -1.987 | 0 | 4 |
| CET RICH | 0.065 | 0 | 4 | VIO EPIP | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | LAG STEL | -0.225 | 0 | 2 |
| CLA STEL | -10.910 | 0 | 6 | CLA BELL | -0.440 | 0 | 1 | CET ISLA | -0.946 | 0 | 5 |
| CLA COCC | 0.002 | 0 | 1 | CLA ARHU | -0.010 | 0 | 2 | CLA RANG | -2.992 | 0 | 4 |
| CLA DEFO | 0.0 | 0 | 2 | CLA CORR | -0.010 | 0 | 3 | CLA CARN | 0.0 | 0 | 1 |
| CLA GUHE | 0.0 | 0 | 3 | CLA ELMJ | -0.617 | 0 | 3 | CLA CRTS | -2.020 | 0 | 1 |
| CLA META | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | CLA G UT | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | CLA FIMB | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| DAC BERT | -0.700 | 0 | 1 | CLA SPP | -0.382 | 0 | 5 | CLA GR | -0.005 | 0 | 3 |
| PEL APHT | -0.480 | 0 | 3 | LEC GRAN | -0.250 | 0 | 1 | DAC ARCT | -0.123 | 0 | 2 |
| STE PASC | -1.300 | 0 | 3 | PEL MALA | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | NEP EXPA | -0.040 | 0 | 1 |
| HEPATICS | -0.010 | 0 | 4 | UMR HYPE | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | SOL CROC | -0.090 | 0 | 2 |
| BRACH SP | 0.0 | 0 | 3 | AULAC SP | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | LEP NEGL | -1.000 | 0 | 1 |
| DRE UNCI | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | BRYUM SP | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | AUL PALU | 0.0 | 0 | 1 |
| POL ALPI | 0.0 | 0 | 3 | HYL SPLE | 0.0 | 0 | 5 | DICRAMIM | 0.0 | 0 | 3 |
| POL STEI | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | POL COMM | 0.0 | 0 | 4 | PLE SCHR | 0.0 | 0 | 2 |
| FUMENIT | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | WIA CANI | 0.0 | 0 | 2 | POL JUNI | 0.0 | 0 | 1 |
| PTA CUSP | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | IMM NITE | 0.0 | 0 | 2 | SPHAGNUM | 0.0 | 0 | 1 |
| | | | | WHI PSEU | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | CYTOMINI | 0.0 | 0 | 1 |

A.1 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Oil Spills (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)

In Carex membranacea-Sphagnum Species Tundra (n=2)

| SPECIES | COV OIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV OIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV OIF | DISTB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| CAR LUGE | 0.650 | 1 | 0 | ERI ANGU | 3.845 | 2 | 2 | ERI CALL | 0.040 | 1 | 0 |
| ERI VAGI | -6.685 | 2 | 2 | TER ALGA | 8.400 | 1 | 0 | POL COMM | 0.0 | 1 | 1 |
| POL JUNI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | | | | | | | | |

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| SPECIES | COV OIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV OIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV OIF | DISTB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|-----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| BLT GLAN | -0.600 | 0 | 2 | CAR MEMB | -25.510 | 0 | 2 | AND POLI | -2.700 | 0 | 2 |
| LEO DECU | -0.600 | 0 | 2 | LEO GROE | -0.010 | 0 | 2 | VAC ULIG | -0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| VAC VITE | -0.010 | 0 | 2 | RUB CHAM | -0.010 | 0 | 2 | PEL LABR | -0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| CET CUCU | -2.250 | 0 | 2 | CLA ARHU | -0.010 | 0 | 2 | CLA HANG | -2.140 | 0 | 2 |
| ICM ERIC | -0.040 | 0 | 2 | CLA SUBU | -0.010 | 0 | 2 | CLA UNCI | -0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| HEPATICS | -0.010 | 0 | 2 | RHT INAR | -0.010 | 0 | 2 | OCH GEMI | -0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| CAL STRA | -0.010 | 0 | 2 | MOSS SPP | -2.700 | 0 | 2 | POLY SP | -0.140 | 0 | 2 |
| SPHAGNUM | -22.000 | 0 | 2 | OTITRICIN | -0.010 | 0 | 2 | POL COMM | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |

B.3 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Bulldozer Tracks (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)
In Miscellaneous Mosses-Carex Species Tundra (n=8)

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|-----------|---------|-------|-------|
| BET GLAN | 0.0 | 1 | 1 | MYO ALPE | 0.0 | 1 | 1 |
| ANT MOND | 0.015 | 4 | 3 | ART ARCT | -0.078 | 7 | 6 |
| PET HYPE | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | SEN AIRO | 0.0 | 1 | 1 |
| VAR ALAS | 0.030 | 1 | 1 | RHO INTE | -0.122 | 5 | 4 |
| ORA ALBE | -5.992 | 5 | 5 | CAREX SP | 0.325 | 2 | 1 |
| CAR POOD | 0.005 | 2 | 1 | ERI ANGU | 0.0 | 1 | 1 |
| EDU ARVE | 0.000 | 1 | 1 | VAC SCIR | 0.0 | 1 | 1 |
| VAC UTIG | 11.000 | 1 | 0 | DES CAES | -2.370 | 3 | 2 |
| GRAMINEA | -4.490 | 1 | 0 | JUN PORC | 0.0 | 1 | 1 |
| FES ALTA | -1.450 | 2 | 1 | EPILLO SP | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| LUC CAST | -0.010 | 3 | 3 | LYC SELA | 0.025 | 2 | 1 |
| LYC ALPI | -0.010 | 3 | 3 | POL VIVI | 0.040 | 4 | 4 |
| POL ACUT | -0.280 | 6 | 6 | ANE NARC | -0.227 | 3 | 0 |
| CLA TUBE | 0.0 | 1 | 1 | RAN NIVA | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| ANE RICH | -0.530 | 1 | 1 | SPI BEAU | 0.003 | 1 | 0 |
| SIB PROC | -1.644 | 3 | 2 | SAL POLA | 0.003 | 4 | 3 |
| SAL PLAN | 0.005 | 2 | 1 | CHR IETR | 0.090 | 1 | 0 |
| SAL RETI | -0.030 | 2 | 2 | SAX HIER | 0.005 | 2 | 1 |
| SAX FOLI | -0.030 | 2 | 2 | SAX RIVU | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| PEO SUDE | -0.034 | 5 | 4 | VER WORM | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| MIS LICH | 0.075 | 2 | 0 | BAE RUFI | 0.005 | 2 | 0 |
| CET RICH | 0.012 | 4 | 4 | CLA ARBU | 0.0 | 1 | 0 |
| CLA STEL | -9.550 | 1 | 1 | CLA ECHO | 0.005 | 3 | 2 |
| CLA DEFU | 0.0 | 1 | 1 | CLA MACA | 2.290 | 1 | 0 |
| CLA G GR | 0.0 | 1 | 1 | OAC ARCT | 0.010 | 4 | 3 |
| CLAD SPP | -0.125 | 1 | 0 | PEL APHT | -0.248 | 5 | 4 |
| NEP ARCT | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | SOL CRUC | 0.0 | 2 | 2 |
| STE TONE | 0.225 | 2 | 0 | BUE SCAB | 0.0 | 1 | 0 |
| MUSS SPP | -16.857 | 8 | 8 | AUL PALU | 0.0 | 4 | 4 |
| ORE REVO | 0.0 | 2 | 0 | CRA COMM | 0.0 | 1 | 0 |
| PLE SCHR | 0.0 | 3 | 3 | ORE UNCI | 0.0 | 2 | 1 |
| POL COMM | 0.0 | 3 | 3 | POG ALPI | 0.0 | 3 | 2 |
| POL STRI | 0.0 | 2 | 1 | MIA CANE | 0.0 | 4 | 2 |
| PHI FONT | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | TOM NITE | 0.0 | 1 | 1 |

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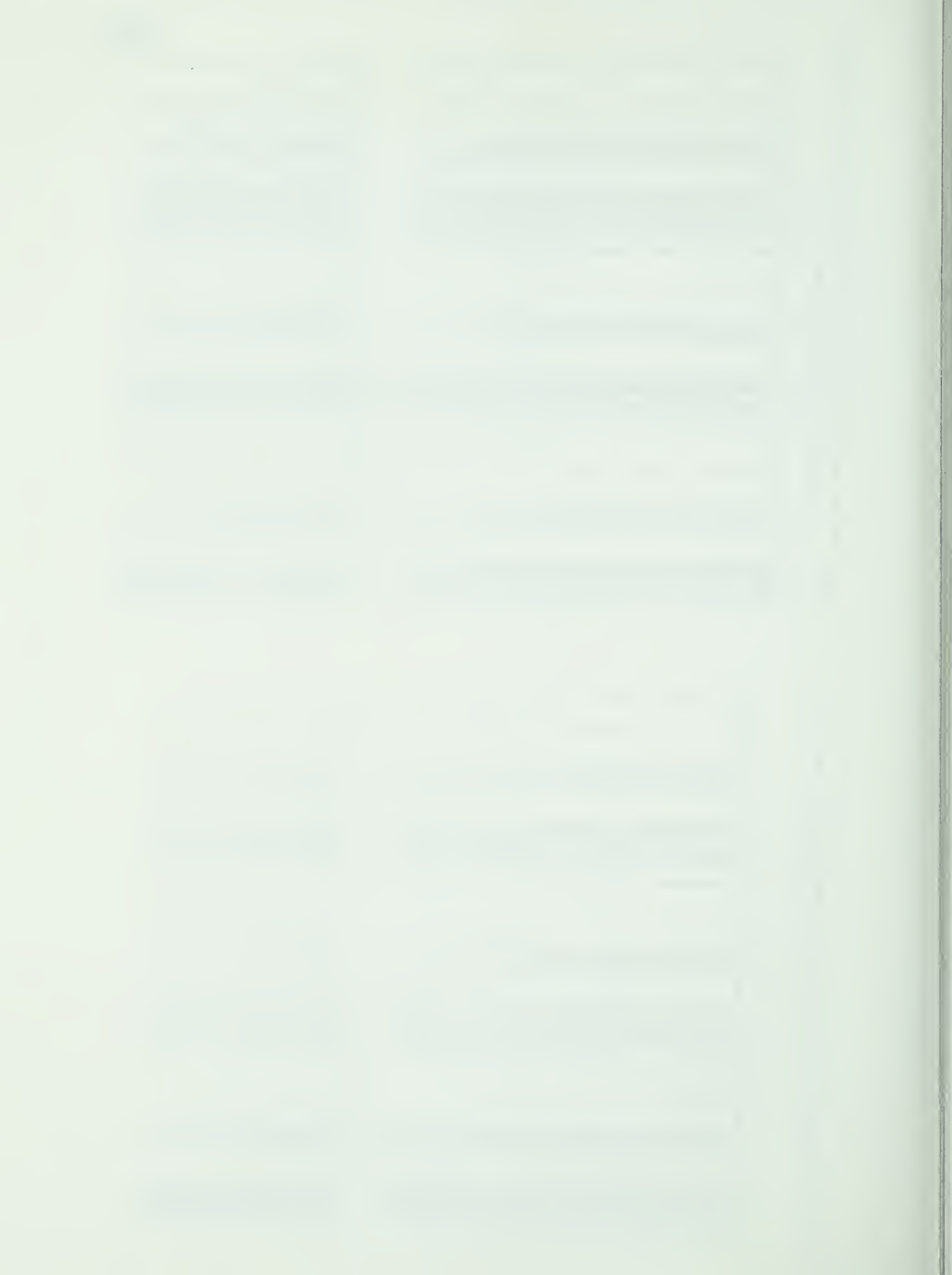
| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR |
|-----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| MYO ALPE | 0.010 | 0 | 1 | CER BEER | -0.140 | 0 | 1 |
| STELL SP | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | PET HYPE | -0.290 | 0 | 1 |
| SEN AIRO | 0.050 | 0 | 2 | RHO INTE | -0.090 | 0 | 1 |
| CAREX SP | -4.190 | 0 | 1 | CAR POOD | -0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| KAL P MI | -0.250 | 0 | 1 | LED GROE | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| GEN GLAU | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | ARM ARCT | -5.560 | 0 | 1 |
| POT ACUT | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | RUB ARCT | -0.390 | 0 | 1 |
| RUB ACUT | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | ANE NARC | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| RUB ACUT | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | SAL RETI | -0.195 | 0 | 1 |
| LAC STEL | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | PEO SUDE | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| CET CUCC | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | CET ISLA | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| CET RICH | -0.040 | 0 | 1 | CLA ARBU | -1.355 | 0 | 1 |
| CLA CORN | 0.0 | 0 | 2 | CLA ECHO | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| CLA GONE | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | CLA ECHO | -0.250 | 0 | 1 |
| CLA META | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | CLA PLEU | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| OAC ARCT | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | DAC BERI | -0.475 | 0 | 1 |
| NEP EXPA | -0.040 | 0 | 1 | PEI MALA | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| UMB HYPE | 0.010 | 0 | 1 | HEPATICS | -0.003 | 0 | 1 |
| BRACH SP | 0.0 | 0 | 2 | ULICRUM | 0.0 | 0 | 1 |
| HYL SPLE | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | PUI JUMI | 0.0 | 0 | 2 |
| TOM NITE | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | RHI PSTU | 0.0 | 0 | 1 |
| PLA CLUSP | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | | | | |

B.2 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Bladed Tralls (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)
In Miscellaneous Mosses-Carex Species Tundra (n=6)

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR |
|-----------|---------|-------|-------|-----------|---------|-------|-------|
| BET GLAN | 0.0 | 1 | 1 | ANT MOND | 0.257 | 3 | 3 |
| ART ARCT | -0.620 | 4 | 3 | PET HYPE | 0.440 | 1 | 0 |
| SEN AIRO | 0.000 | 1 | 0 | SEN YUKO | 0.0 | 1 | 1 |
| TARAX SP | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | ORA LONG | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| CAREX SP | -1.080 | 2 | 2 | CAR MICH | 12.500 | 1 | 0 |
| CAR POOD | 2.610 | 2 | 0 | ERI ANGU | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| EMP NIGR | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | VAC UTIG | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| CAS TETR | -10.890 | 1 | 0 | LED SCIR | 0.010 | 1 | 1 |
| VAC VITI | -0.740 | 1 | 0 | VAC UTIG | 0.0 | 1 | 1 |
| DES CAES | 0.140 | 1 | 2 | ARC LATI | 7.475 | 2 | 1 |
| POA ALPN | 15.000 | 1 | 0 | TRIS SPIC | 3.120 | 2 | 1 |
| LYC ALPI | -0.030 | 1 | 1 | LUC PARV | 0.010 | 2 | 0 |
| PUL ACUT | 0.005 | 2 | 1 | EPI LATI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| PUL ACUT | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | RUM ARCT | 0.040 | 1 | 0 |
| PUT PALU | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | RAN NIVA | 0.005 | 2 | 1 |
| SAL ALAX | 0.600 | 1 | 0 | SIB PROC | 0.010 | 2 | 1 |
| PAR KOTZ | 0.520 | 3 | 2 | SAL GLAU | 1.310 | 1 | 0 |
| PET SUDE | 0.090 | 1 | 0 | SAX HIER | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| CET CUCC | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | CET ISLA | 0.140 | 1 | 0 |
| CET NIVA | 0.275 | 2 | 0 | CLA STEL | 1.267 | 3 | 3 |
| CLA GONE | 0.250 | 1 | 0 | CLA CORN | 0.440 | 1 | 0 |
| CLA GUNE | 0.755 | 2 | 0 | CLA UNCI | 0.390 | 1 | 0 |
| OAC ARCT | 0.050 | 1 | 0 | PAN PEZI | 0.140 | 1 | 0 |
| PEL POLY | 1.000 | 2 | 0 | PSO HYPN | 0.650 | 1 | 0 |
| SOL CRUC | 1.705 | 2 | 0 | STE GIAR | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| CRUS SARA | 2.480 | 1 | 0 | TON LUBU | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| HEPATICS | 0.540 | 1 | 0 | CET SUBA | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| AUL PALU | 0.0 | 2 | 0 | POLV SP | 40.000 | 1 | 0 |
| HEPATICS | 0.0 | 2 | 0 | ORE UNCI | 0.0 | 1 | 0 |
| CAM STEL | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | PUL COMM | 0.0 | 1 | 1 |
| HYL SPLE | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | PUL COMM | 0.0 | 1 | 1 |
| PUL HYPE | 0.0 | 3 | 0 | PUL COMM | 0.0 | 1 | 0 |
| MIA CANE | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | PAL SQUA | 0.0 | 1 | 0 |

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| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|-----------|---------|-------|-------|
| MIN BIFI | -0.040 | 0 | 1 | PLT FRIG | 0.130 | 0 | 2 |
| SEN AIRO | -0.090 | 0 | 2 | RHO INTE | 0.090 | 0 | 1 |
| CAREX SP | -0.140 | 0 | 3 | CAR MICH | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| CAR POOD | 0.010 | 0 | 3 | KAL P MI | -0.250 | 0 | 1 |
| LED GROE | -0.010 | 0 | 3 | SAL COMM | -2.020 | 0 | 1 |
| LUC ALPI | -0.080 | 0 | 1 | LYC SELA | 0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| PUL VIVI | -0.040 | 0 | 1 | PULV SP | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| ANE NARC | -0.410 | 0 | 3 | GLEO RUSS | -0.040 | 0 | 1 |
| SIB PROC | -0.090 | 0 | 2 | PLED SP | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| PEO SUDE | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | CET ISLA | -1.950 | 0 | 2 |
| CET RICH | -0.073 | 0 | 3 | CLA RANG | -3.980 | 0 | 4 |
| CLA BELL | -0.020 | 0 | 3 | CLA CUCC | 0.0 | 0 | 2 |
| CLA GONE | 0.0 | 0 | 2 | CLA ECHO | -0.525 | 0 | 2 |
| CLA META | 0.0 | 0 | 5 | CLA G GR | -0.007 | 0 | 3 |
| LEC GRAB | -0.250 | 0 | 1 | OAC ARCT | -0.115 | 0 | 2 |
| SOL CRUC | 1.000 | 0 | 3 | PEL APHT | -1.260 | 0 | 1 |
| LEP NIGI | 0.000 | 0 | 3 | UMB HYPE | -31.000 | 0 | 1 |
| DICRAMM | 0.0 | 0 | 3 | MUSS SPP | 0.0 | 0 | 2 |
| PLE SCIR | 0.0 | 0 | 3 | HYL SPLE | 0.0 | 0 | 1 |
| MIA CANE | 0.0 | 0 | 2 | POL JUMI | 0.0 | 0 | 1 |



B.4 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Gravel Pits (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)

In Miscellaneous Mosses-Carex Species Tundra (n=6)

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR |
|-----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| BET GLAN | 0.0 | 1 | 1 | MFR PANI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| MIN BIFL | 1.000 | 1 | 0 | SAG LUMI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| SIE LAET | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | ANTEN SP | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| ARN LESS | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | ANTEN SP | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| ERI NIMI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | ARI ARCT | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| SEN LUGE | 0.190 | 1 | 0 | PET FRIG | -0.115 | 2 | 1 |
| TARAX SP | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | SEN TRIA | -0.060 | 2 | 1 |
| URA LONG | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | RWD INIE | 0.247 | 3 | 2 |
| CAR PODO | -10.990 | 2 | 1 | ERI ARBE | 0.040 | 1 | 0 |
| EUO SCIR | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | CAREX SP | 0.010 | 2 | 0 |
| GEM GLAU | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | CAS TEIR | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| OES CAES | 0.025 | 2 | 0 | GRAMINEA | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| POA ARCT | 0.340 | 1 | 0 | FES ALTA | 9.000 | 1 | 0 |
| LUZ ARCU | -0.180 | 1 | 0 | THS SPIC | -2.255 | 2 | 1 |
| EPILLO SP | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | LUN BALT | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| EPI ANGO | 0.007 | 3 | 0 | LUC SPIC | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| PUR SECU | -0.635 | 2 | 0 | EPI ANAG | 0.040 | 1 | 0 |
| RAN ESCH | 0.003 | 3 | 1 | BOI LUNA | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| RUD ACUA | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | RUM ARCT | 0.010 | 2 | 0 |
| SAL ALAX | 1.020 | 3 | 0 | DRY OCTO | 0.010 | 2 | 0 |
| SAL LANA | -0.045 | 2 | 1 | POP BALS | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| PED SUDE | 0.045 | 2 | 1 | SAL GLAU | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| MIS LICH | 85.500 | 2 | 0 | SAL A XP | 1.410 | 1 | 0 |
| CET NIVA | 0.005 | 2 | 0 | SAR HIER | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| CLA MACA | 1.310 | 1 | 0 | BASIOJUM | 0.040 | 1 | 0 |
| OAC ARCI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | BAE ISLA | -0.143 | 3 | 2 |
| PAN PEZ | 1.013 | 3 | 0 | CLA ARBU | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| PEL RUFE | 0.090 | 1 | 0 | CLA GUNE | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| TUN LORO | 0.0 | 2 | 0 | CLA UNCT | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| VER AETH | 0.250 | 1 | 0 | NEP ARCT | 0.0 | 1 | 0 |
| CAL SARM | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | PEL POLY | 0.0 | 1 | 0 |
| OHE UNCT | 0.0 | 2 | 1 | SIE TOM | 12.445 | 2 | 0 |
| POL COMM | 0.0 | 2 | 1 | MOSS SPP | -15.533 | 6 | 6 |
| POL PILI | 0.0 | 2 | 1 | BRYUM SP | 0.005 | 2 | 1 |
| | | | | ORE RLVO | 0.0 | 1 | 0 |
| | | | | PUG ALPI | 0.0 | 1 | 0 |
| | | | | POL JUNI | 0.0 | 4 | 0 |

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| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| MYD ALPE | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | MIN BIFL | -0.040 | 0 | 1 |
| STELL SP | -0.025 | 0 | 2 | ARI ARCT | -0.190 | 0 | 2 |
| PET FRIG | -0.010 | 0 | 3 | SEN LUGE | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| SEN YUNG | -0.090 | 0 | 1 | URA LONG | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| ORA ARBE | -0.040 | 0 | 1 | CAR A ST | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| CAS PODO | -0.487 | 0 | 4 | EMP NIGR | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| VAC ULIG | 3.640 | 0 | 1 | LED GROL | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| ARC LATI | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | GLN GLAU | -0.127 | 0 | 4 |
| LUZ ARCU | 0.073 | 0 | 3 | POA PORS | 13.000 | 0 | 1 |
| PUL ACUT | -0.057 | 0 | 2 | LYC SELA | -0.010 | 0 | 3 |
| CLA TUBE | 0.540 | 0 | 1 | RUM ARCT | -0.330 | 0 | 1 |
| ANE RICH | 0.140 | 0 | 1 | GEU ROSS | -0.658 | 0 | 4 |
| RUB ACUA | -2.347 | 0 | 6 | SAL PLAN | -0.250 | 0 | 1 |
| SAR TITL | 0.590 | 0 | 1 | CHR TETR | -0.030 | 0 | 1 |
| PED SUDE | -0.010 | 0 | 3 | LAG STEL | -0.050 | 0 | 2 |
| CET ISLA | 0.277 | 0 | 3 | MIS LICH | -0.090 | 0 | 4 |
| CLA ARHU | -0.440 | 0 | 1 | CET RICH | -0.090 | 0 | 1 |
| CLA BLIL | 1.010 | 0 | 2 | CLA STEL | -10.910 | 0 | 1 |
| CLA CRIS | 0.010 | 0 | 2 | CLA COCC | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| CLA FIMB | 0.010 | 0 | 1 | CLA ECHO | -0.402 | 0 | 4 |
| CLA G GR | 0.010 | 0 | 1 | CLA G UI | 0.0 | 0 | 1 |
| LEC GRAN | -0.250 | 0 | 5 | CLA UNCT | 0.0 | 0 | 1 |
| PEL MALA | 0.010 | 0 | 1 | NEP EXPA | -2.950 | 0 | 1 |
| SIE TOM | -0.090 | 0 | 1 | SOL CRUC | -1.100 | 0 | 1 |
| HEPATICS | 0.003 | 0 | 3 | UMH HYPE | -1.000 | 0 | 4 |
| BRYUM SP | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | AUL ALU | 0.0 | 0 | 1 |
| OTICRAUM | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | BRYUM SP | 0.0 | 0 | 1 |
| PLA LILL | 0.0 | 0 | 3 | HYL SPLE | 0.0 | 0 | 4 |
| RHA CANE | 0.0 | 0 | 3 | PUG ALPI | 0.0 | 0 | 2 |
| TUR MORV | 0.0 | 0 | 2 | POL SIRM | 0.0 | 0 | 1 |
| PLA CUSP | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | CIN SYNG | 0.0 | 0 | 1 |
| | | | | RUB PSCU | 0.0 | 0 | 1 |

B.5 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Pit Access Roads (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)
In Miscellaneous Mosses-Carex Species Tundra (n=2)

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| BET GLAN | 0.0 | 1 | 1 | GER BEER | 0.030 | 1 | 1 |
| ANT MONO | 0.060 | 2 | 2 | ARI ARCT | -0.050 | 2 | 2 |
| PET FRIG | 0.140 | 1 | 0 | SEN LUGE | 0.080 | 2 | 1 |
| RWD INIE | -0.975 | 2 | 2 | DRA CRAS | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| EUO ARVE | 0.140 | 1 | 0 | EUO SYLV | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| IRS SPIC | 1.825 | 2 | 0 | EPI ARGO | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| ANE NARC | -2.330 | 1 | 1 | RUB ACUA | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| GEU ROSS | -6.010 | 1 | 0 | SAL LANA | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| SAL ALAX | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | SAL A XP | 0.140 | 1 | 0 |
| SAL POLA | -2.520 | 2 | 2 | LAG STEL | -0.080 | 1 | 1 |
| SAR HIER | -0.580 | 1 | 1 | PEL APHI | -0.460 | 1 | 1 |
| OAC BERI | -2.940 | 1 | 0 | SIE TOM | 0.190 | 1 | 0 |
| PEL RUFE | 0.800 | 1 | 0 | PLE SCIR | 0.0 | 1 | 0 |
| HYL SPLE | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | TOR MORV | 0.0 | 2 | 1 |
| RHA CANE | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | | | | |

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| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| MIN BIFL | -0.040 | 0 | 1 | STELL SP | -0.040 | 0 | 1 |
| URA ALBE | 0.040 | 0 | 1 | CAR FOCO | -0.835 | 0 | 2 |
| CAS TETR | -10.900 | 0 | 1 | KAL P MI | -0.250 | 0 | 1 |
| VAC ULIG | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | VAC VITI | -0.250 | 0 | 1 |
| FES ALTA | -4.530 | 0 | 1 | PUG PORS | -13.000 | 0 | 1 |
| LYC ALPI | -0.040 | 0 | 1 | LYC SELA | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| ANE NARC | -0.250 | 0 | 1 | CLA TUBE | -0.140 | 0 | 1 |
| MIS LICH | -1.260 | 0 | 1 | RAN NIVA | -0.190 | 0 | 1 |
| CET RICH | 0.290 | 0 | 1 | CET ISLA | -0.240 | 0 | 1 |
| CLA COCC | -0.040 | 0 | 1 | CLA RANG | -6.850 | 0 | 2 |
| CLA G UI | 0.0 | 0 | 2 | CLA CRIS | 0.0 | 0 | 1 |
| CLA G GR | 0.0 | 0 | 2 | CLA META | 0.0 | 0 | 1 |
| NEP EXPA | -0.140 | 0 | 2 | DAC BERI | -0.700 | 0 | 1 |
| STE PASC | -2.900 | 0 | 1 | PEL APHI | -1.100 | 0 | 1 |
| HEPATICS | -0.005 | 0 | 2 | STE TOM | -0.090 | 0 | 1 |
| BRYUM SP | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | AUL PAUL | 0.0 | 0 | 1 |
| HYL SPLE | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | OTICRAUM | 0.0 | 0 | 1 |
| PUG ALPI | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | PLA LILL | 0.0 | 0 | 2 |
| CIN SYNG | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | POL COMM | 0.0 | 0 | 1 |

C.1 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Roads (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)
In Hedysarum alpinum-Moss Tundra (n=1)

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| BET GLAN | 0 0 | 1 | 1 | AST SIBI | -0 740 | 1 | 1 |
| ERI ERIO | 0 0 | 1 | 1 | CAR MEMB | 0 0 | 1 | 1 |
| SUE CANA | 0 030 | 1 | 1 | CAR SCIR | 0 0 | 1 | 1 |
| ARC ALPI | 0 030 | 1 | 1 | EUU ARVE | -0 030 | 1 | 1 |
| CAL LAPP | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | GEN PROP | -0 240 | 1 | 1 |
| OXY DEFL | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | AGP VIOL | 0 0 | 1 | 1 |
| POL VIVI | -0 530 | 1 | 1 | TRG SPIC | 0 0 | 1 | 1 |
| POP BAL | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | TRG ELEG | 0 0 | 1 | 1 |
| PAR PALU | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | ANE PARV | -0 180 | 1 | 1 |
| DET FLEX | 0 0 | 1 | 1 | SAL ALAR | 5 620 | 1 | 1 |
| | | | | MOSS SPP | -22 740 | 1 | 1 |
| | | | | BRYUM SP | 0 0 | 1 | 1 |

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| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|-----------|---------|-------|-------|
| ARN LESS | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | SEN LUGL | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| CAR AURE | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | CAR CAPT | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| ARC LATI | -0 040 | 0 | 1 | DES CAES | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| POA ALPN | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | JUN CAST | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| TOF PUST | -0 040 | 0 | 1 | EPT ANGU | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| PAR KOTZ | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | PLEDIC SP | -0 040 | 0 | 1 |
| BASIDIUM | -0 040 | 0 | 1 | HEPATICS | -0 290 | 0 | 1 |
| CAM STEL | 0 0 | 0 | 1 | UFS INCL | 0 0 | 0 | 1 |
| DRE UNCT | 0 0 | 0 | 1 | HYP LIND | 0 0 | 0 | 1 |

C.2 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Bladed Trails (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)
In Hedysarum alpinum-Moss Tundra (n=2)

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| WER PANI | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | MIN REL | 0 010 | 1 | 1 |
| STL ACAR | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | ARN LESS | 0 0 | 1 | 1 |
| ERI ERIO | 0 290 | 1 | 1 | PET ERIG | 0 010 | 1 | 1 |
| SEN CYMB | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | SOL MULT | 0 0 | 2 | 2 |
| RHO INTE | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | URA ALBE | 0 010 | 1 | 1 |
| CAR CAPT | 0 050 | 1 | 1 | CAR MEMB | 0 0 | 1 | 1 |
| FOU VARI | 0 060 | 1 | 1 | ARC ALPI | 1 900 | 1 | 1 |
| GEN PROP | -0 160 | 1 | 1 | ARC ALPI | 0 440 | 1 | 1 |
| JUN CAST | 2 470 | 1 | 1 | HLE OHOR | 0 0 | 1 | 1 |
| OXY DEFL | 1 270 | 1 | 1 | JUN ALBE | 0 030 | 1 | 1 |
| EPT ANGU | 0 0 | 1 | 1 | EPT LATI | 0 030 | 1 | 1 |
| GEU ROSS | 0 200 | 1 | 1 | ANE PARV | 2 960 | 1 | 1 |
| SAL ALAK | -3 780 | 1 | 1 | PUL VIVI | 0 010 | 1 | 1 |
| SAL RELI | 1 120 | 1 | 1 | PAR KOTZ | 0 010 | 1 | 1 |
| MOSS SPP | -12 245 | 2 | 2 | | | | |

IN CONTROLS BUT NOT IN DISTURBANCES

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| BET GLAN | -0 010 | 0 | 2 | ARN LESS | 0 010 | 0 | 2 |
| ERI ERIO | 0 010 | 0 | 2 | SOL MULT | -0 010 | 0 | 2 |
| CAR CAPT | -0 030 | 0 | 2 | SUE CANA | 0 040 | 0 | 2 |
| EUU VARI | 0 010 | 0 | 2 | ARC ALPI | 0 190 | 0 | 2 |
| AGP VIOL | 0 250 | 0 | 2 | POA ALPN | -0 010 | 0 | 2 |
| FES ALTA | 0 010 | 0 | 2 | JUN ALBE | -0 010 | 0 | 2 |
| JUN CAST | 0 010 | 0 | 2 | TOF PUST | -0 040 | 0 | 2 |
| URY DEFL | 0 030 | 0 | 2 | EPT LATI | -0 010 | 0 | 2 |
| EPT ANGU | 0 010 | 0 | 2 | SAL ALAK | 6 070 | 0 | 2 |
| ANE PARV | 0 110 | 0 | 2 | PAR PALU | 0 010 | 0 | 2 |
| SAL RELI | 9 510 | 0 | 2 | BASIDIUM | 0 010 | 0 | 2 |
| FUNG1 | 0 290 | 0 | 2 | CAM STEL | 0 0 | 0 | 2 |
| URE BIMO | 0 0 | 0 | 2 | DRE UNCT | 0 0 | 0 | 2 |
| URE SLMU | 0 0 | 0 | 2 | | | | |
| TUM NITE | 0 0 | 0 | 2 | | | | |

C.3 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Bulldozer Tracks (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)
In Hedysarum alpinum-Moss Tundra (n=1)

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| STEL SP | 0 340 | 1 | 1 | CAR MEMB | 3 960 | 1 | 1 |
| EUU VARI | 1 670 | 1 | 1 | ARC ALPI | -0 180 | 1 | 1 |
| ARC LATI | -0 030 | 1 | 1 | DES CAES | 0 740 | 1 | 1 |
| LUZ PARV | 0 250 | 1 | 1 | HED ALPI | -34 250 | 1 | 1 |
| PHL VIVI | -0 290 | 1 | 1 | RUM ARCT | 0 010 | 1 | 1 |
| THA ALPI | 0 250 | 1 | 1 | RUB ACAR | 0 010 | 1 | 1 |
| SAL LANA | -0 650 | 1 | 1 | SAL RELI | 24 890 | 1 | 1 |
| SIE TOME | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | HEPATICS | 0 0 | 1 | 1 |
| BLE ERIC | 0 0 | 1 | 1 | BRY PSEU | 0 0 | 1 | 1 |
| OSTICHI | 0 0 | 1 | 1 | DRE REVD | 0 0 | 1 | 1 |
| PHI TOME | 0 0 | 1 | 1 | PLA ELLI | 0 0 | 1 | 1 |

IN CONTROLS BUT NOT IN DISTURBANCES

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| BET GLAN | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | ARN LESS | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| ERI ERIO | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | SIM LUGE | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| CAR AURE | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | CAR CAPT | -0 090 | 0 | 1 |
| ERI CALL | 0 010 | 0 | 1 | SUE CANA | -0 040 | 0 | 1 |
| AGP VIOL | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | FES ALTA | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| TOF PUST | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | JUN ALBE | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| PAR PALU | -0 040 | 0 | 1 | ZYG ELEG | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| BASIDIUM | -0 040 | 0 | 1 | PEDIC SP | -0 040 | 0 | 1 |
| | | | | HYP LIND | 0 0 | 0 | 1 |

C.4 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Gravel Pits (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)
In Hedysarum alpinum-Moss Tundra (n=3)

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| WER PANI | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | MYD ALPE | 0 010 | 1 | 1 |
| MIN BIFL | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | MIN SIRT | 0 010 | 1 | 1 |
| SAG LINN | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | SIL ACAR | 0 010 | 1 | 1 |
| ARN ALPI | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | ART ARCT | 0 140 | 1 | 1 |
| AST SIBI | -0 740 | 2 | 2 | GRE NANA | -0 010 | 1 | 1 |
| SEN LUGE | 0 0 | 1 | 1 | SOL MULT | 0 0 | 1 | 1 |
| CAR PRAT | 0 190 | 1 | 1 | DRABA SP | 0 140 | 1 | 1 |
| CAR ATSQ | 0 800 | 1 | 1 | CAR AURE | 0 030 | 1 | 1 |
| EUU ARVE | 1 285 | 2 | 2 | ERTOP SP | 4 070 | 1 | 1 |
| ARC ALPI | -0 180 | 1 | 1 | GEN SCIR | 0 250 | 1 | 1 |
| PHL ALPN | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | GEN PROP | -0 240 | 1 | 1 |
| JUN CAST | 0 0 | 1 | 1 | TRG SPIC | 0 0 | 2 | 2 |
| URY DEFL | -0 080 | 1 | 1 | TRI PALL | 0 010 | 1 | 1 |
| PUL VIVI | -0 340 | 2 | 2 | EPT LATI | 0 0 | 1 | 1 |
| RUB ACAR | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | ANE PARV | -0 180 | 1 | 1 |
| SAL ALAY | -3 670 | 3 | 3 | SIB PRNC | 0 010 | 1 | 1 |
| SAL MYRI | -0 010 | 1 | 1 | SAL ARCT | 0 040 | 1 | 1 |
| SAL RETI | -8 837 | 3 | 3 | SAL PLAN | 0 540 | 1 | 1 |
| CLA CARL | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | PAR KOTZ | 0 010 | 1 | 1 |
| PEL CANI | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | CLA PYRI | 0 010 | 1 | 1 |
| MOSS SPP | 14 397 | 3 | 3 | PEL RUFE | 0 010 | 1 | 1 |
| CRA COMM | 0 0 | 1 | 1 | BRYUM SP | 0 0 | 1 | 1 |
| RUA CANE | 0 0 | 1 | 1 | HYP BAMB | 0 0 | 1 | 1 |

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| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| BET GLAN | 0 010 | 0 | 3 | ARN LESS | -0 010 | 0 | 3 |
| ERI ERIO | -0 010 | 0 | 3 | SEN LUGE | -0 010 | 0 | 3 |
| CAR AURE | -0 010 | 0 | 3 | CAR CAPT | -0 030 | 0 | 3 |
| CAR SCIR | -0 010 | 0 | 3 | ERI CALL | -0 010 | 0 | 3 |
| EUU ARVE | -0 040 | 0 | 3 | EUU VARI | -0 250 | 0 | 3 |
| GEN PROP | 0 250 | 0 | 3 | AGP VIOL | -0 010 | 0 | 3 |
| URS CAES | 0 010 | 0 | 3 | FES ALTA | -0 010 | 0 | 3 |
| TRG SPIC | -34 500 | 0 | 3 | JUN CAST | -0 010 | 0 | 3 |
| MEU ALPI | -0 010 | 0 | 3 | DAY DEFL | -0 010 | 0 | 3 |
| ZYG ELEG | -0 010 | 0 | 3 | EPT ANGU | -0 010 | 0 | 3 |
| PUL VIVI | -0 540 | 0 | 3 | SAL LANA | -0 900 | 0 | 3 |
| PAR PALU | -0 010 | 0 | 3 | PEDIC SP | -0 040 | 0 | 3 |
| BASIDIUM | -0 040 | 0 | 3 | HEPATICS | 0 0 | 0 | 3 |
| CAM STEL | 0 0 | 0 | 3 | UFS INCL | 0 0 | 0 | 3 |
| DRE UNCT | 0 0 | 0 | 3 | HYP LIND | 0 0 | 0 | 3 |

D.1 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Roads (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)
In Carex membranacea-Kobresia simpliciuscula Tundra (n=1)

| SPECIES | CDV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | CDV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | CDV DIF | DISTB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| MIN ARCT | 0 0 | 1 | 1 | MIN R EL | 2 570 | 1 | 1 | SIE LAET | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| SEN CYMB | 0 0 | 1 | 1 | BRA PURP | 0 090 | 1 | 0 | ORA CDRY | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| POA SP | 0 440 | 1 | 0 | JUN ALBE | -0 530 | 1 | 1 | PAP KEEL | 1 210 | 1 | 0 |
| PDL VIVI | -0 030 | 1 | 1 | AND CHAM | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | NRV INTE | -0 200 | 1 | 1 |
| SAL ALAX | 7 590 | 1 | 0 | SAL ARCT | 0 710 | 1 | 1 | SAL DUDG | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| SAX OPPN | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | | | | | | | | |

----- IN CONTROLS BUT NOT IN DISTURBANCES -----

| SPECIES | CDV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | CDV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | CDV DIF | DISTB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| SEN ARD | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | CAR MEMB | -11 520 | 0 | 1 | CAR MISA | -9 570 | 0 | 1 |
| SEN ARD | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | ERI ANGU | -2 020 | 0 | 1 | ERI CALL | -0 250 | 0 | 1 |
| CAR PDD | -9 110 | 0 | 1 | CAS TETR | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | PAP RADI | -0 030 | 0 | 1 |
| KDB SIMP | -3 150 | 0 | 1 | DRY DCTD | -0 140 | 0 | 1 | SAL RETI | -0 140 | 0 | 1 |
| THA ALPI | -0 140 | 0 | 1 | TER ALGA | -0 140 | 0 | 1 | CET NIWA | -0 040 | 0 | 1 |
| PEO LANA | -0 040 | 0 | 1 | SOL BISP | -0 040 | 0 | 1 | SOIL LIC | -1 100 | 0 | 1 |
| CET TILE | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | MOSS SPP | -1 920 | 0 | 1 | CAM STEL | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| HEPATICS | -0 090 | 0 | 1 | HYP BAMB | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | | | | |
| DIT FLEX | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | | | | | | | | |

D.2 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Gravel Pits (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)
In Carex membranacea-Kobresia simpliciuscula Tundra (n=1)

| SPECIES | CDV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | CDV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | CDV DIF | DISTB | CONTR |
|-----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| MIN ARCT | 0 0 | 1 | 1 | MIN R EL | 0 690 | 1 | 1 | SEN CYMB | 0 180 | 1 | 1 |
| BRA PURP | 0 040 | 1 | 0 | ORA CDRY | 0 040 | 1 | 0 | PAR NUDI | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| CAR ATFIJ | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | CAR MEMB | -11 510 | 1 | 1 | CAR MISA | -6 530 | 1 | 1 |
| ERI ANGU | -2 010 | 1 | 1 | ERI CALL | -0 240 | 1 | 0 | KDB SIMP | -1 590 | 1 | 1 |
| PDA SP | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | JUN BIGI | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | JUN ALBE | -0 100 | 1 | 0 |
| LLD SERO | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | TOT PUSI | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | PAPAV SP | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| PAP KEEL | 0 040 | 1 | 0 | PDL VIVI | 0 210 | 1 | 1 | AND CHAM | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| THA ALPI | -0 130 | 1 | 1 | DRY INTE | B 710 | 1 | 1 | SAL ALAX | 11 690 | 1 | 0 |
| SAL ARCT | 1 170 | 1 | 1 | SAL DUDG | 0 950 | 1 | 0 | SAL RETI | 2 810 | 1 | 1 |
| SAX OPPN | 0 140 | 1 | 0 | PEO LANA | 0 210 | 1 | 1 | SOLARINA | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| SOIL LIC | 2 510 | 1 | 1 | HEPATICS | 0 0 | 1 | 1 | MOSS SPP | -1 880 | 1 | 1 |
| DIT FLEX | -0 010 | 1 | 1 | URE REVD | 0 0 | 1 | 0 | | | | |

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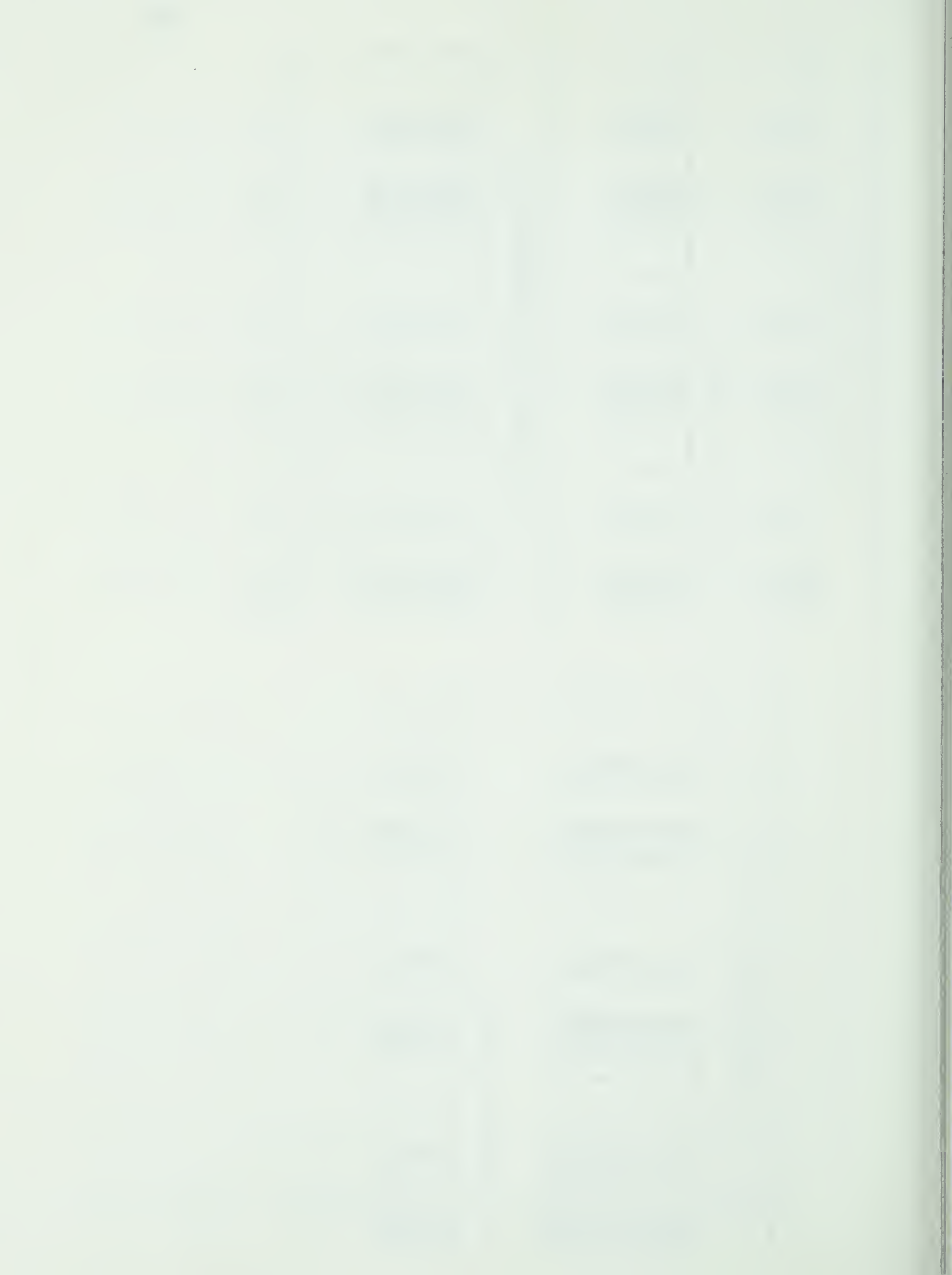
| SPECIES | CDV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | CDV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | CDV DIF | DISTB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| SEN ARD | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | CAR PORO | -9 110 | 0 | 1 | CAS TETR | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| PAP RADI | -0 040 | 0 | 1 | DRY DCTD | -0 140 | 0 | 1 | TER ALGA | -0 140 | 0 | 1 |
| CET NIWA | -0 040 | 0 | 1 | CET TILE | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | SOL BISP | -0 040 | 0 | 1 |
| CAM STEL | 0 010 | 0 | 1 | HYP BAMB | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | | | | |

C.5 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Pit Access Roads (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)
In Hedysarum alpinum-Moss Tundra (n=1)

| SPECIES | CDV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | CDV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | CDV DIF | DISTB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| ARN ALPI | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | AST SIBI | -0 150 | 1 | 1 | CHR INTE | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| SAU ANGU | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | SOL MULT | 0 0 | 1 | 1 | CAR CAPI | -0 080 | 1 | 1 |
| CAR SCIR | 0 0 | 1 | 1 | SHE CANA | 20 010 | 1 | 1 | EDU ARVE | -0 030 | 1 | 1 |
| EQU VARI | -0 060 | 1 | 1 | ARC ALPI | -0 050 | 1 | 1 | GEN PROP | -0 210 | 1 | 1 |
| DES CAES | 0 0 | 1 | 1 | FES ALTA | 0 0 | 1 | 1 | PDA ALPN | -33 600 | 1 | 1 |
| TRS SPIC | 0 030 | 1 | 1 | JUN BALT | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | HED ALPI | 5 550 | 1 | 1 |
| DXY DEFL | 1 010 | 1 | 1 | TOT PUSI | -0 030 | 1 | 1 | EPI LATI | 5 920 | 1 | 0 |
| POT FRUT | -0 450 | 1 | 1 | ANE PARV | 0 710 | 1 | 1 | DRY INTE | 5 920 | 1 | 1 |
| PDL VIVI | 0 650 | 1 | 0 | PDP BALS | 0 600 | 1 | 1 | SAL ALAX | -1 120 | 1 | 1 |
| SAL MYRT | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | SAL RETI | -9 070 | 1 | 1 | PAR FIMB | 0 190 | 1 | 0 |
| PAR PALU | 0 0 | 1 | 1 | SAX ATZO | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | SAX OPPN | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| SEL SELA | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | BASIDIM | 0 210 | 1 | 1 | PEL CANI | 1 210 | 1 | 0 |
| MOSS SPP | 8 500 | 1 | 1 | BRA GROE | 0 0 | 1 | 1 | BRA SALE | 0 0 | 1 | 0 |
| CAM POLY | 0 0 | 1 | 0 | DIT FLEX | 0 0 | 1 | 1 | ORE UNCI | 0 0 | 1 | 1 |
| TDR NORV | 0 0 | 1 | 0 | | | | | | | | |

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| SPECIES | CDV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | CDV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | CDV DIF | DISTB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| BET GLAN | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | ARN LESS | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | ERI ERID | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| SEN LUGE | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | CAR AURE | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | CAR MEMB | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| ERI CALL | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | AGP VIDL | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | ARC LATI | -0 040 | 0 | 1 |
| JUN CAST | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | JUN ALBE | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | ZYG ELEG | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| EPI ANGU | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | SAL LANA | -0 900 | 0 | 1 | PAR KOTZ | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| PEPIC SP | -0 040 | 0 | 1 | FUNGI | -0 290 | 0 | 1 | HEPATICS | 0 0 | 0 | 1 |
| BRY BIMU | 0 0 | 0 | 1 | CAM STEL | 0 0 | 0 | 1 | DIS INCL | 0 0 | 0 | 1 |
| DRE SEND | 0 0 | 0 | 1 | HYP LINO | 0 0 | 0 | 1 | TOM NITE | 0 0 | 0 | 1 |



E.1 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Roads (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)
In Salix barrattiana-Moss Tundra (n=1)

| SPECIES | COV | DIF | OISIB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV | DIF | OISIB | CONTR |
|----------|-----|-----|-------|-------|----------|-----|-----|-------|-------|
| AMR STOL | 0 | 010 | 1 | 0 | CHE MANA | 0 | 010 | 1 | 0 |
| ERI INMI | 0 | 290 | 1 | 0 | EUO ARVE | -4 | 040 | 1 | 0 |
| EUO VARI | 0 | 010 | 1 | 0 | GEN PHOS | 0 | 040 | 1 | 0 |
| GEN PROP | -0 | 030 | 1 | 0 | DES CAES | -0 | 560 | 1 | 1 |
| EPI ANGU | 0 | 010 | 1 | 0 | ANE PARV | -0 | 530 | 1 | 1 |
| ORY INTE | 0 | 010 | 1 | 0 | SAL GLAU | 8 | 350 | 1 | 0 |
| SAL MYRI | 0 | 010 | 1 | 0 | SAL RETI | 2 | 510 | 1 | 1 |
| PAR KOTZ | -0 | 080 | 1 | 0 | PEL RUFE | 0 | 090 | 1 | 0 |
| SAL SACC | 0 | 250 | 1 | 0 | BYUM SP | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| CAM PULY | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | RIA CANE | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

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| SPECIES | COV | DIF | OISIB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV | DIF | OISIB | CONTR |
|-----------|-----|-----|-------|-------|----------|-----|-----|-------|-------|
| MER PANI | -7 | 050 | 0 | 1 | MYO ALPE | -0 | 250 | 0 | 1 |
| STEL SP | -0 | 010 | 0 | 1 | STE LAET | 0 | 190 | 0 | 1 |
| PET FRIG | -1 | 870 | 0 | 1 | SEN EUGE | -0 | 140 | 0 | 1 |
| CAR PRAT | -0 | 010 | 0 | 1 | COMPO SP | -0 | 900 | 0 | 1 |
| EUT EDWA | -0 | 010 | 0 | 1 | AST UMRE | -1 | 050 | 0 | 1 |
| RUM ARCT | -0 | 750 | 0 | 1 | CLA TUBE | -0 | 010 | 0 | 1 |
| RAN SULP | 0 | 010 | 0 | 1 | THA ALPI | -2 | 580 | 0 | 1 |
| CHIR TEIR | 0 | 010 | 0 | 1 | PEO SUDE | -0 | 010 | 0 | 1 |
| VIOLA SP | -1 | 920 | 0 | 1 | CET PINA | -0 | 040 | 0 | 1 |
| PEL APHI | -0 | 010 | 0 | 1 | BRA STAR | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| ONE UNCI | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | HYP LIND | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

E.2 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Bladed Trails (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)
In Salix barrattiana-Moss Tundra (n=3)

| SPECIES | COV | DIF | OISIB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV | DIF | OISIB | CONTR |
|----------|-----|-----|-------|-------|-----------|-----|-----|-------|-------|
| BET GRAN | 0 | 040 | 1 | 0 | MER PANI | -7 | 040 | 1 | 0 |
| MIN BIFL | 0 | 075 | 2 | 0 | SIL ACAC | 0 | 010 | 2 | 1 |
| ARN ALPI | 0 | 010 | 1 | 0 | ANT MONO | 0 | 025 | 2 | 0 |
| ERI INMI | 0 | 010 | 1 | 0 | ARI ARCT | 0 | 010 | 1 | 0 |
| SEN LUGE | 0 | 130 | 1 | 0 | SAL ANGU | 0 | 010 | 1 | 0 |
| CAR AU | 28 | 500 | 1 | 0 | SOL MOLT | 0 | 010 | 2 | 2 |
| CAR SCIR | 0 | 010 | 1 | 0 | CAR MEMB | 0 | 010 | 1 | 0 |
| GEN PHOS | 0 | 010 | 1 | 0 | -GEN PROP | -0 | 010 | 1 | 0 |
| FLS ALTA | 0 | 090 | 1 | 0 | HEU ALPI | 0 | 010 | 1 | 0 |
| EPI ANGU | 3 | 970 | 1 | 0 | EPI LAET | 0 | 065 | 2 | 0 |
| ORY DICY | 0 | 010 | 1 | 0 | POL VIVE | 0 | 050 | 2 | 2 |
| ANE PARV | -0 | 525 | 2 | 2 | THA ALPI | -2 | 570 | 1 | 0 |
| POL TRUT | 0 | 365 | 2 | 1 | RUD ACAC | 0 | 010 | 1 | 0 |
| SAL GLAU | 0 | 040 | 1 | 0 | SAL ARCT | 0 | 140 | 1 | 0 |
| SAL GLAU | 0 | 365 | 2 | 1 | SAL RETI | 0 | 010 | 2 | 2 |
| SAL A RP | 0 | 010 | 1 | 0 | SAL MYRI | -3 | 397 | 3 | 1 |
| SEL SELA | 0 | 010 | 1 | 0 | CET CUCU | 0 | 010 | 1 | 0 |
| CLAUD SP | 0 | 290 | 1 | 0 | CLA POCI | 0 | 040 | 1 | 0 |
| PEL RUFE | 0 | 250 | 1 | 0 | SOL SACC | 0 | 040 | 1 | 0 |
| ONE REVU | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | BPACIT SP | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| SHIAGHUM | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | PIA ELLI | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| | | | | | TOM NITE | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

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| SPECIES | COV | DIF | OISIB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV | DIF | OISIB | CONTR |
|----------|-----|-----|-------|-------|----------|-----|-----|-------|-------|
| MER PANI | -7 | 020 | 0 | 1 | MYO ALPE | -0 | 250 | 0 | 1 |
| STEL SP | -0 | 010 | 0 | 1 | STE LAET | -0 | 190 | 0 | 1 |
| PET FRIG | -1 | 870 | 0 | 1 | SEN LUGE | -0 | 140 | 0 | 1 |
| COMPO SP | -0 | 900 | 0 | 1 | EUO ARVE | -0 | 010 | 0 | 2 |
| EUO ARVE | -4 | 070 | 0 | 1 | ARC LATE | -2 | 120 | 0 | 2 |
| AST UMRE | -1 | 050 | 0 | 2 | GEN PHOS | 0 | 040 | 0 | 2 |
| CLA TUBE | -0 | 010 | 0 | 2 | POL ACUT | -7 | 510 | 0 | 2 |
| THA ALPI | -2 | 580 | 0 | 1 | ACO DELP | -2 | 900 | 0 | 2 |
| PAR KOTZ | 0 | 090 | 0 | 1 | SAL BARR | -29 | 000 | 0 | 2 |
| VIOLA SP | -1 | 920 | 0 | 2 | PEO SUDE | 0 | 010 | 0 | 2 |
| PEL APHI | 0 | 010 | 0 | 2 | CET PINA | 0 | 010 | 0 | 2 |
| ONE UNCI | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | BRA STAR | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | | | | | HYP LIND | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |

E.3 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Bulldozer Tracks (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)
In Salix barrattiana-Moss Tundra (n=2)

| SPECIES | COV | DIF | OISIB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV | DIF | OISIB | CONTR |
|----------|-----|-----|-------|-------|----------|-----|-----|-------|-------|
| MER PANI | -7 | 040 | 1 | 1 | CER BEER | -0 | 080 | 1 | 1 |
| STE LAET | -0 | 100 | 1 | 1 | ARI TITE | -0 | 590 | 1 | 1 |
| PET FRIG | 0 | 050 | 1 | 1 | SEN EUGE | 0 | 050 | 1 | 1 |
| CAR PRAT | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | CAR MLMB | 16 | 500 | 1 | 1 |
| CAR SCIR | 0 | 750 | 1 | 0 | EUO ARVE | 0 | 900 | 1 | 0 |
| GEN PHOS | 0 | 050 | 2 | 0 | GEN PROP | 0 | 275 | 2 | 2 |
| FES ALTA | 0 | 190 | 1 | 0 | POA PAUC | 0 | 800 | 1 | 0 |
| EPI LAET | 5 | 000 | 1 | 0 | POL ACUT | -7 | 320 | 1 | 0 |
| RUM ARCT | -0 | 710 | 1 | 1 | CLA TUBE | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| ANE NARC | 0 | 140 | 1 | 0 | ANE PARV | -0 | 350 | 2 | 2 |
| ORY INTE | 0 | 010 | 1 | 0 | SAL BARR | -27 | 455 | 2 | 2 |
| SAL A RP | 0 | 115 | 2 | 0 | SAL RETI | 16 | 675 | 2 | 2 |
| PAR KOTZ | 0 | 350 | 1 | 1 | SAX ALZO | 0 | 090 | 1 | 0 |
| PEO CAPT | 0 | 090 | 1 | 0 | PEO SUDE | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| CET LAEV | 0 | 090 | 1 | 0 | CLA POCI | 0 | 090 | 1 | 1 |
| SOL BISP | 0 | 090 | 1 | 0 | HEPATICS | 0 | 040 | 2 | 2 |
| BRA SALE | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | OSTICHTI | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| POH CRUO | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | TOR TORT | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

----- IN CONTROLS BUT NOT IN DISTURBANCES -----

| SPECIES | COV | DIF | OISIB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV | DIF | OISIB | CONTR |
|----------|-----|-----|-------|-------|-----------|-----|-----|-------|-------|
| MER PANI | -7 | 050 | 0 | 1 | MYO ALPE | -0 | 250 | 0 | 2 |
| STEL SP | -0 | 010 | 0 | 2 | STE LAET | -0 | 190 | 0 | 1 |
| PET FRIG | -1 | 870 | 0 | 1 | SEN LUGE | -0 | 140 | 0 | 1 |
| CAR PRAT | -0 | 010 | 0 | 1 | COMPO SP | -4 | 070 | 0 | 2 |
| EUT EDWA | -0 | 010 | 0 | 2 | EUO ARVE | -1 | 050 | 0 | 1 |
| DES CAES | -1 | 920 | 0 | 2 | AST UMRE | -0 | 010 | 0 | 1 |
| RUM ARCT | -0 | 750 | 0 | 0 | CLA TUBE | -0 | 010 | 0 | 1 |
| RAN SULP | 0 | 010 | 0 | 3 | CHIR TEIR | -0 | 010 | 0 | 1 |
| PEO SUDE | -0 | 010 | 0 | 1 | VAL CAPT | -0 | 010 | 0 | 2 |
| CET PINA | -0 | 040 | 0 | 2 | CLA CHLO | -0 | 140 | 0 | 2 |
| BRA STAR | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | BRYACEAE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| CAM STEL | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | ONE UNCI | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| HYP LIND | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | PHI TOME | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| TOR MORV | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | | | | | |



E.4 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Gravel Pits (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)
In Salix barrattiana-Moss Tundra (n=3)

| SPECIES | COV DIF | OISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | OISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | OISTB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| MER PANI | -7.050 | 0 | 1 | CER BEER | 0.005 | 2 | 2 | MIN ROSS | 0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| STL ACAD | 0.003 | 2 | 2 | STE LAET | -0.190 | 1 | 1 | ANT MOHO | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| ARN ALPI | 0.000 | 1 | 0 | ERN LOOI | 0.000 | 1 | 0 | AST STIG | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| CRF NANA | 0.003 | 3 | 0 | ERI LUMI | 0.000 | 1 | 0 | STN FRIG | -1.860 | 1 | 1 |
| PET NYDE | 0.000 | 1 | 0 | SEN LUGE | -0.140 | 2 | 2 | STN CYMB | 0.005 | 2 | 0 |
| SOL MULT | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | TAR ALAS | 0.000 | 2 | 2 | RHM INTE | -0.140 | 2 | 2 |
| CAR ATSO | 0.000 | 2 | 0 | CAR SCIR | 0.005 | 2 | 0 | SHE CANA | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| EDU SCIR | 0.005 | 2 | 0 | EDU VARI | 0.005 | 2 | 0 | ARC ALPI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| GEN PROP | -0.010 | 2 | 2 | GRAMINEA | 1.100 | 1 | 0 | AGP VIOL | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| ARC LATI | -2.115 | 2 | 2 | DES CAES | -1.920 | 2 | 2 | FES ALTA | 0.003 | 3 | 0 |
| ITE DOUR | 0.000 | 1 | 0 | TRS SPIC | 0.005 | 2 | 0 | DAY DEFL | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| EPI ANGO | 0.000 | 1 | 0 | EPI LATI | 1.717 | 3 | 0 | ANE PAHV | -0.637 | 3 | 3 |
| THA ALPI | -2.570 | 1 | 1 | DRY INTE | 0.000 | 1 | 0 | STB DCTD | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| DRY SYLV | 0.000 | 1 | 0 | RUB ACAD | 0.000 | 2 | 0 | STB PROC | 0.000 | 1 | 0 |
| POP BALI | 0.000 | 1 | 0 | SAL ALAK | 0.005 | 2 | 0 | SAL ARCI | 0.005 | 2 | 0 |
| SAL GLAU | 0.003 | 3 | 0 | SAL MYRT | 0.000 | 1 | 0 | SAL PLAN | 0.005 | 2 | 0 |
| SAL A XP | 0.643 | 3 | 0 | SAR HETI | 4.397 | 3 | 3 | PAR NOTZ | -0.090 | 1 | 1 |
| SAR ALZO | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | SAX OPPO | 0.005 | 2 | 0 | VAL CAPT | -0.010 | 1 | 1 |
| MIS LICH | 0.010 | 2 | 0 | CET CHUC | 0.000 | 1 | 0 | CET ISIA | 0.000 | 2 | 0 |
| CET NIVA | 0.000 | 2 | 0 | CET VITE | 0.000 | 1 | 0 | CLA STEI | 0.000 | 2 | 0 |
| CLAD SP | 0.000 | 1 | 0 | CLA POCI | 0.000 | 1 | 0 | OAC DTRI | 0.000 | 1 | 0 |
| PET CANI | 0.000 | 2 | 0 | CLP RIHE | 0.000 | 1 | 0 | SOL BISP | 0.000 | 1 | 0 |
| SOL SACC | 0.000 | 1 | 0 | STE ALPI | 0.000 | 1 | 0 | SOL SAXA | 0.000 | 1 | 0 |
| STE TOME | 0.000 | 1 | 0 | MUSS SPP | 0.690 | 3 | 3 | BRA SALE | 0.000 | 1 | 0 |
| OIL FLEX | 0.000 | 1 | 0 | RHA CANE | 0.000 | 2 | 0 | | | | |

----- IN CONTROLS BUT NOT IN DISTURBANCES -----

| SPECIES | COV DIF | OISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | OISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | OISTB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| MER PANI | -7.050 | 0 | 1 | MYO ALPE | 0.250 | 0 | 2 | CER BEER | -0.090 | 0 | 1 |
| STL SP | 0.010 | 0 | 3 | STE LAET | 0.190 | 0 | 2 | ART TITE | -1.870 | 0 | 2 |
| PET FRIG | -1.870 | 0 | 2 | SEN LUGE | -0.140 | 0 | 1 | CAR PRAT | -0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| CAR PRAT | 0.010 | 0 | 3 | COMPO SP | -0.900 | 0 | 3 | GEN PROP | -0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| EUT LDWA | 0.010 | 0 | 3 | EDU ARVE | -4.070 | 0 | 2 | AST UMHE | -0.090 | 0 | 2 |
| ARC LATI | 2.120 | 0 | 3 | DES CAES | -1.920 | 0 | 2 | RHM ARCT | -0.750 | 0 | 2 |
| POL ACUT | -7.510 | 0 | 3 | POL VIVI | -0.190 | 0 | 1 | CLP TETR | -0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| CLA TUBE | 0.010 | 0 | 3 | ACO UELP | -2.900 | 0 | 2 | VAL CAPT | -0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| THA ALPI | -2.580 | 0 | 2 | THA ALPI | -2.580 | 0 | 1 | CLA TUBE | -0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| PAR NOTZ | -0.090 | 0 | 1 | PAR NOTZ | -0.090 | 0 | 1 | CHR TETR | -0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| VIOLA SP | -1.920 | 0 | 2 | VIOLA SP | -1.920 | 0 | 2 | VAL CAPT | -0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| PEL APHT | -0.010 | 0 | 4 | PEL APHT | -0.010 | 0 | 2 | CLA CHLO | -0.140 | 0 | 2 |
| BRY PSLO | 0.000 | 0 | 3 | BRY PSLO | 0.000 | 0 | 2 | BRYACLAE | 0.000 | 0 | 2 |
| HYP BAMU | 0.000 | 0 | 3 | HYP BAMU | 0.000 | 0 | 2 | ONE UNCL | 0.000 | 0 | 2 |
| PON CRUD | 0.000 | 0 | 3 | PON CRUD | 0.000 | 0 | 2 | PHI TOME | 0.000 | 0 | 2 |

E.5 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Oil Spills (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)
In Salix barrattiana-Moss Tundra (n=2)

| SPECIES | COV DIF | OISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | OISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | OISTB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| CER BEER | 0.080 | 1 | 1 | STE LAET | -0.180 | 2 | 2 | ART TITE | -0.590 | 1 | 1 |
| AST STIG | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | CAR MEMB | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | CAR POCO | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| EDU SCIR | 0.010 | 2 | 0 | GEN PROS | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | ARC LATI | -2.110 | 1 | 1 |
| DES CAES | -1.910 | 1 | 0 | FES ALIA | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | POL ALPH | 20.500 | 1 | 0 |
| TRS SPIC | 5.150 | 1 | 0 | AST ALPI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | EPI ANGU | 3.040 | 1 | 0 |
| POL VIVI | -0.180 | 1 | 1 | THA ALPI | -2.570 | 1 | 1 | RUB ACAD | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| SAL ERIC | 0.940 | 2 | 2 | PAR NOTZ | -0.080 | 1 | 0 | MIS LICH | 39.500 | 1 | 0 |
| CET ERIC | 0.000 | 1 | 0 | CET ISIA | 0.000 | 1 | 0 | CLA CARL | 0.000 | 2 | 0 |
| CLA COCC | 0.000 | 1 | 0 | CLA PYRI | 0.000 | 2 | 0 | PSO HYPN | 0.000 | 1 | 0 |
| RIN TURF | 0.000 | 1 | 0 | MOSS SPP | 10.815 | 2 | 2 | EMG AFFI | 0.000 | 1 | 0 |

----- IN CONTROLS BUT NOT IN DISTURBANCES -----

| SPECIES | COV DIF | OISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | OISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | OISTB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| MER PANI | -7.050 | 0 | 2 | MYO ALPE | -0.250 | 0 | 2 | CER BEER | -0.090 | 0 | 1 |
| STL SP | -0.010 | 0 | 2 | ART TITE | -0.600 | 0 | 1 | PET FRIG | -1.870 | 0 | 2 |
| SEN LUGE | -0.140 | 0 | 2 | RHM INTE | -0.140 | 0 | 2 | CAR PRAT | -0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| COMPO SP | -0.900 | 0 | 2 | ORA LONG | -0.090 | 0 | 2 | EUT EOWA | -0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| EDU ARVE | -4.070 | 0 | 2 | GEN PROP | -0.090 | 0 | 2 | ARC LATI | -2.120 | 0 | 1 |
| DES CAES | -1.920 | 0 | 1 | AST UMHE | -0.040 | 0 | 2 | POL ACUT | -7.510 | 0 | 2 |
| POL VIVI | -0.190 | 0 | 1 | ROM ARCT | -0.750 | 0 | 2 | CLA TUBE | -0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| ACO UELP | -2.900 | 0 | 2 | ANE PARV | -0.640 | 0 | 2 | RAN SULP | -0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| THA ALPI | -2.580 | 0 | 1 | SAL BARR | -29.000 | 0 | 2 | CHR TETR | -0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| PAR NOTZ | -0.090 | 0 | 1 | PED SUDE | -0.010 | 0 | 2 | VAL CAPT | -0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| VIOLA SP | -1.920 | 0 | 2 | CET PINA | -0.040 | 0 | 2 | CLA CHLO | -0.140 | 0 | 2 |
| PEL APHT | -0.010 | 0 | 2 | BRA STAR | 0.000 | 0 | 2 | BRYACLAE | 0.000 | 0 | 2 |
| BRY PSLO | 0.000 | 0 | 4 | CAM STEL | 0.000 | 0 | 2 | ONE UNCL | 0.000 | 0 | 2 |
| HYP BAMU | 0.000 | 0 | 2 | HYP LIND | 0.000 | 0 | 2 | PHI TOME | 0.000 | 0 | 2 |
| PON CRUD | 0.000 | 0 | 2 | TOR NORV | 0.000 | 0 | 2 | | | | |

F.3 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Gravel Plots (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)
In Salix reticulata-Salix lanata Tundra (n=1)

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|-----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| MIN R EL | 0.140 | 1 | 0 | SIL ACAL | 0.190 | 1 | 0 | ANT MIMO | 0.040 | 1 | 0 |
| ARC ALPI | 0.040 | 1 | 0 | CRE NANA | 0.340 | 1 | 0 | ERI HUMI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| SOL MULI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | BRA PIURP | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | CAREX SP | 0.140 | 1 | 0 |
| CAR NARO | 1.260 | 1 | 0 | ARC ALPI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | DES CAES | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| POA ALPN | 0.390 | 1 | 0 | EPT ANGU | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | POL VIVI | -0.110 | 1 | 1 |
| ANE PARV | 0.460 | 1 | 1 | DRY INTE | 0.140 | 1 | 0 | SAL ALAX | -2.240 | 1 | 1 |
| SAL GLAU | 7.290 | 1 | 0 | SAL A XP | 0.190 | 1 | 0 | SAL RETI | -56.740 | 1 | 1 |
| SAR ALZO | 0.190 | 1 | 0 | SAR OPPO | 1.970 | 1 | 0 | PEL RUFE | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| MOSS SPP | 6.810 | 1 | 1 | BRY HECO | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | BRYUM SP | 0.0 | 1 | 0 |
| URE REVD | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | | | | | | | | |

----- IN CONTROLS BUT NOT IN DISTURBANCES -----

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| AST SIBI | -0.040 | 0 | 1 | CAR MEMB | -0.140 | 0 | 1 | CAR SCIR | -0.140 | 0 | 1 |
| EUJ VARI | -0.750 | 0 | 1 | ARC LATI | -0.090 | 0 | 1 | HED ALPI | -2.120 | 0 | 1 |
| QXY DEFL | -0.090 | 0 | 1 | EPT LATI | -0.040 | 0 | 1 | POT FRUT | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| SAT BARR | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | SAL LANA | -10.300 | 0 | 1 | SAL MYRI | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| PAR KOTZ | 0.040 | 0 | 1 | | | | | | | | |

F.4 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Oil Spills (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)
In Salix reticulata-Salix lanata Tundra (n=2)

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|-----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| ANT MIMO | 1.100 | 1 | 0 | AST SIBI | -0.030 | 1 | 1 | SEN LUGE | 0.250 | 1 | 0 |
| SOL MULI | 3.040 | 1 | 0 | CAR SCIR | 3.395 | 2 | 2 | EUJ ARVE | 0.750 | 1 | 0 |
| EUJ SCIR | 0.380 | 2 | 0 | ARC ALPI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | GFN PROS | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| FES ALTA | 20.500 | 1 | 0 | TRS SPIC | 0.965 | 2 | 0 | HED ALPI | -1.990 | 2 | 2 |
| EPT ANGU | 0.250 | 1 | 0 | POL VIVI | -0.240 | 1 | 1 | PYR SECU | 0.250 | 1 | 0 |
| ANE PARV | 0.060 | 2 | 2 | THIA ALPI | 0.130 | 2 | 0 | RUB ACAL | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| SAL GLAU | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | SAL A XP | 0.170 | 2 | 0 | SAL RETI | -55.050 | 2 | 2 |
| MIS LICH | 5.150 | 1 | 0 | CLA00 SP | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | CLA POCI | 10.250 | 2 | 0 |
| CLA PYXI | 20.500 | 1 | 0 | PEL RUFE | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | SUL BTSP | 0.0 | 1 | 0 |
| MOSS SPP | 17.940 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | |

----- IN CONTROLS BUT NOT IN DISTURBANCES -----

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| AST SIBI | -0.040 | 0 | 1 | CAR MEMB | -0.140 | 0 | 2 | EUJ VARI | -0.750 | 0 | 2 |
| ARC LATI | 0.090 | 0 | 2 | QXY DEFL | -0.090 | 0 | 2 | EPT LATI | -0.040 | 0 | 2 |
| POL VIVI | -0.250 | 0 | 1 | POT FRUT | -0.010 | 0 | 2 | SAL ALAX | -0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| SAL BARR | -0.010 | 0 | 2 | SAL LANA | -10.300 | 0 | 2 | SAL MYRI | -0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| PAR KOTZ | -0.040 | 0 | 2 | MOSS SPP | -6.950 | 0 | 1 | | | | |

F.1 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Roads (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)
In Salix reticulata-Salix lanata Tundra (n=1)

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|---------|---------|-------|-------|
| AST SIBI | 0.810 | 1 | 0 | EUJ ARVE | -0.740 | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| ARC ALPI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | POA ALPN | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | | | | |
| HED ALPI | -2.030 | 1 | 0 | HEO MALX | -0.050 | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| EPT LATI | 0.250 | 1 | 0 | POL VIVI | -0.160 | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| DRY INTE | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | POT FRUT | 11.500 | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| SAL GLAU | 4.800 | 1 | 0 | SAL ALAX | -0.030 | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| SAR ALZO | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | PAR KOTZ | 0.010 | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| PEL RUFE | 9.420 | 1 | 0 | CET DELL | -0.010 | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| | | | | MOSS SPP | -4.520 | 1 | 1 | | | | |

----- IN CONTROLS BUT NOT IN DISTURBANCES -----

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| CAR MEMB | 0.140 | 0 | 1 | CAR SCIR | -0.140 | 0 | 1 | ARC LATI | -0.090 | 0 | 1 |
| SAL BARR | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | SAL LANA | -10.300 | 0 | 1 | SAL MYRI | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |

F.2 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Bladed Trails (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)
In Salix reticulata-Salix lanata Tundra (n=1)

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|-----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| MIN R EL | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | SIL ACAL | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | ANT MIMO | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| ARC ALPI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | ERI HUMI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | PET TRIG | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| SEN LUGE | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | SEN CYMO | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | SOL MOLT | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| CAR MEMB | -0.130 | 1 | 0 | CAR SCIR | 1.780 | 1 | 0 | ERI ANGO | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| EUJ ARVE | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | EUJ SCIR | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | ARC ALPI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| ARC LATI | -0.080 | 1 | 0 | HED ALPI | -2.110 | 1 | 0 | LLD SEKO | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| EPT LATI | -0.030 | 1 | 0 | QXY DEFL | 1.920 | 1 | 0 | POL VIVI | -0.240 | 1 | 1 |
| ANE PARV | -0.180 | 1 | 1 | THIA ALPI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | DRY INTE | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| POT FRUT | 1.910 | 1 | 0 | SAL ALAX | 10.490 | 1 | 0 | SAL GLAU | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| SAL PLAX | 0.250 | 1 | 0 | SAL RETI | -57.660 | 1 | 0 | PAR KOTZ | -0.030 | 1 | 0 |
| SAR ALZO | 0.250 | 1 | 0 | SAR OPPO | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | MIS LICH | -0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| PEL RUFE | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | SOL BTSP | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | MOSS SPP | -1.800 | 1 | 0 |
| BRACH SP | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | BRYUM SP | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | CAM STEL | 0.0 | 1 | 0 |
| OUT FLEX | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | DRY REVD | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | HYD BARM | 0.0 | 1 | 0 |

----- IN CONTROLS BUT NOT IN DISTURBANCES -----

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| AST SIBI | 0.040 | 0 | 1 | EUJ VARI | 0.750 | 0 | 1 | QXY DEFL | -0.090 | 0 | 1 |
| SAL BARR | 0.010 | 0 | 1 | SAL LANA | -10.300 | 0 | 1 | SAL MYRI | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |

G.1 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Roads (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)
In Salix polaris-Dactylina beringica Tundra (n=1)

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|------|-------|----------|---------|------|-------|
| CER BEER | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | MIN BIFL | -0.210 | 1 | 1 |
| ART ARCT | -0.240 | 1 | 0 | ERT MINT | 0.040 | 1 | 0 |
| PET HYPE | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | RHO INTE | 0.010 | 1 | 1 |
| ALO ALPI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | TES ALTA | 0.010 | 1 | 1 |
| POA PUDD | -3.650 | 1 | 0 | EPI ANGU | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| EPI LATI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | SIB PROC | 0.010 | 1 | 1 |
| SAL ALAX | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | SAL PLAN | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| SAL RETI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | PEL CANI | 0.390 | 1 | 0 |
| MOSS SPP | 7.510 | 1 | 0 | CER PUPP | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| OTS CAPJ | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | | | | |

----- IN CONTROLS BUT NOT IN DISTURBANCES -----

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|------|-------|----------|---------|------|-------|
| PLT FRIG | -0.040 | 0 | 1 | GEN GLAU | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| LUZ ARCU | -0.040 | 0 | 1 | LUZ PARV | -0.190 | 0 | 1 |
| ANE NARC | -0.190 | 0 | 1 | PUL ACUT | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| PEO SUDE | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | SAL POLA | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| CET RICH | -0.040 | 0 | 1 | CET NIVA | -0.090 | 0 | 1 |
| CLA ECMU | -0.800 | 0 | 1 | CLA COCC | -0.250 | 0 | 1 |
| NEP ARCT | -0.090 | 0 | 1 | OAC BERT | -0.900 | 0 | 1 |
| SOL CRUC | -0.090 | 0 | 1 | PEL APHI | -0.540 | 0 | 1 |
| PUL COMM | 0.010 | 0 | 1 | PLE SCIR | 0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| | | | | RHA CANE | 0.010 | 0 | 1 |

G.2 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Bulldozer Tracks (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)
In Salix polaris-Dactylina beringica Tundra (n=1)

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISB | CONTR |
|-----------|---------|------|-------|----------|---------|------|-------|
| BET GLAU | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | MIN BIFL | 0.080 | 1 | 1 |
| ANT MONO | 0.090 | 1 | 0 | PET HYPE | 0.190 | 1 | 0 |
| SEN INTA | 0.140 | 1 | 0 | CAR PHAE | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| CAR PUDD | 1.220 | 1 | 0 | VAC VITI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| GEN GLAU | 0.890 | 1 | 0 | FES ALTA | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| TRIS SPIC | 3.460 | 1 | 0 | LUZULA | 0.700 | 1 | 0 |
| LUZ PARV | 2.400 | 1 | 0 | PUL ACUT | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| POI VIVI | 0.090 | 1 | 0 | ANE PARV | 0.040 | 1 | 0 |
| SIO PROC | 6.990 | 1 | 0 | SAL PLAN | 4.850 | 1 | 0 |
| SAL RETI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | BASIDIOM | 1.050 | 1 | 0 |
| CET ISLA | 0.390 | 1 | 0 | CLA ARHU | 0.090 | 1 | 0 |
| CLA BACL | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | CLA ECMU | -0.660 | 1 | 1 |
| CLA MACR | 0.250 | 1 | 0 | OAC BERT | -0.810 | 1 | 1 |
| NEP ARCT | -0.080 | 1 | 0 | PEL PHIV | 2.480 | 1 | 1 |
| P50 HYPH | 0.190 | 1 | 0 | SIE ALPI | 1.220 | 1 | 1 |
| SOL LIT | 8.950 | 1 | 0 | HEPATICS | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| MOSS SPP | 7.510 | 1 | 0 | AUL PALU | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| CON LETR | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | ONE UNIC | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| PUL JUNE | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | RHA CANE | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |

----- IN CONTROLS BUT NOT IN DISTURBANCES -----

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|------|-------|----------|---------|------|-------|
| PET FRIG | 0.010 | 0 | 1 | LUZ ARCU | 0.040 | 0 | 1 |
| RAN ESCH | 0.010 | 0 | 1 | PEO SUDE | 0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| CET NIVA | 0.010 | 0 | 1 | CLA GONE | -0.250 | 0 | 1 |
| NEP EXPA | 0.800 | 0 | 1 | PLE SCIR | 0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| PUL STRI | 0.010 | 0 | 1 | | | | |

G.3 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Gravel Pits (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)
In Salix polaris-Dactylina beringica Tundra (n=2)

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISB | CONTR |
|-----------|---------|------|-------|----------|---------|------|-------|
| CER BEER | 0.010 | 3 | 0 | MIN BIFL | 0.010 | 2 | 2 |
| ART ARCT | -0.240 | 2 | 2 | PET FRIG | -0.030 | 1 | 1 |
| TAR ALAS | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | RHO INTE | 0.010 | 1 | 1 |
| EOU ARVE | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | GEN GLAU | 0.010 | 1 | 1 |
| TRIS SPIC | 0.010 | 2 | 0 | EPILO SP | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| EPI LATI | 0.010 | 2 | 0 | RHM ARCT | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| ANE NARC | -0.180 | 2 | 2 | RAN ESCH | 0.010 | 2 | 2 |
| SAL ALAX | 0.010 | 2 | 0 | SAL PLAN | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| SAL ALAP | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | SAL RETI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| CLA POCT | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | PAN PEZI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| PEL HUFE | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | STE TOMC | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| PELTI SP | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | POG ALPI | 0.010 | 1 | 2 |

----- IN CONTROLS BUT NOT IN DISTURBANCES -----

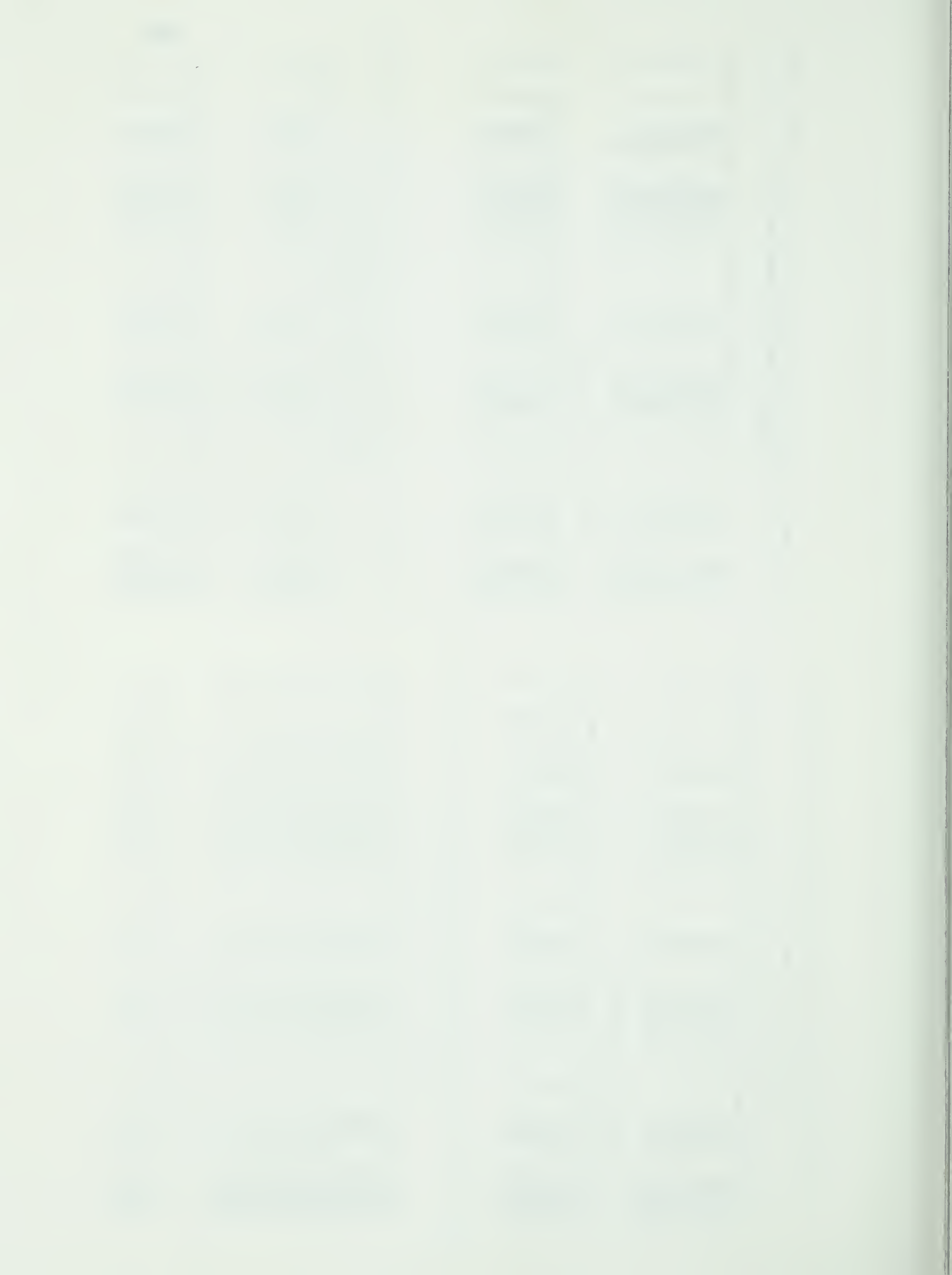
| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|------|-------|----------|---------|------|-------|
| PET FRIG | -0.040 | 0 | 1 | RHO INTE | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| GEN GLAU | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | POA ARCT | -0.850 | 0 | 1 |
| LUZ PARV | -0.040 | 0 | 2 | PUL ACUT | -0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| PEO SUDE | -0.010 | 0 | 2 | CET ISLA | -0.250 | 0 | 1 |
| CET RICH | -0.040 | 0 | 2 | CLA MITI | -0.540 | 0 | 2 |
| CLA ECMU | -0.800 | 0 | 2 | CLA GONE | -0.250 | 0 | 2 |
| NEP ARCT | -0.090 | 0 | 2 | NEP EXPA | -0.800 | 0 | 2 |
| SOL CRUC | -0.090 | 0 | 2 | STE ALPI | -0.340 | 0 | 2 |
| PUL COMM | 0.010 | 0 | 2 | POL STRI | 0.010 | 0 | 2 |

G.4 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Pit Access Roads (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)
In Salix polaris-Dactylina beringica Tundra (n=1)

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|------|-------|----------|---------|------|-------|
| CER BEER | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | MIN BIFL | 0.010 | 1 | 1 |
| ART ARCT | -0.210 | 1 | 0 | PET FRIG | 0.400 | 1 | 1 |
| SEN LUGE | 0.140 | 1 | 0 | DES CAES | 6.020 | 1 | 0 |
| EPI ANGU | 0.290 | 1 | 0 | SIB PROC | 0.590 | 1 | 0 |
| SAL POLA | -28.960 | 1 | 1 | SAL RETI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| PELTI SP | 2.750 | 1 | 0 | MUSS SPP | 50.500 | 1 | 0 |

----- IN CONTROLS BUT NOT IN DISTURBANCES -----

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|------|-------|----------|---------|------|-------|
| RHO INTE | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | CAR PUDD | -0.190 | 0 | 1 |
| POA ARCT | -0.850 | 0 | 1 | LUZ ARCU | -0.040 | 0 | 1 |
| PUL ACUT | 0.010 | 0 | 1 | ANE NARC | -0.190 | 0 | 1 |
| PEO SUDE | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | CET ISLA | -0.250 | 0 | 1 |
| CLA ECMU | -0.040 | 0 | 1 | CLA MITI | -0.540 | 0 | 1 |
| NIP ARCT | -0.090 | 0 | 1 | CLA GONE | -0.250 | 0 | 1 |
| SOL CRUC | -0.090 | 0 | 1 | NEP EXPA | -0.800 | 0 | 1 |
| PUL COMM | 0.010 | 0 | 1 | STE ALPI | -0.340 | 0 | 1 |
| | | | | PUL STRI | 0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| | | | | RHA CANE | 0.010 | 0 | 1 |



H.2 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Bladed Trails (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)
In *Betula glandulosa*-*Cladonia stellaris*-Moss Tundra (n=8)

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR |
|-----------|---------|-------|-------|-----------|---------|-------|-------|-----------|---------|-------|-------|
| BET GLAN | -13.491 | 7 | 6 | MER PANI | 0.010 | 0 | 1 | STELL SP | 0.025 | 2 | 0 |
| ANTEN SP | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | ANT TSOL | 0.010 | 0 | 1 | ANT MONO | 1.186 | 5 | 1 |
| ANT STOL | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | ANT ARCT | 0.010 | 0 | 1 | ART TILE | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| AST SIBI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | PET FRIG | -0.365 | 2 | 1 | PET HYPE | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| SEN LUGE | 0.480 | 2 | 0 | SEN TRIA | 0.010 | 0 | 1 | SOL MULT | 0.010 | 2 | 0 |
| RHO INIE | 0.025 | 2 | 0 | CAR A ST | 19.375 | 2 | 0 | CAR AURE | 1.525 | 2 | 0 |
| CAR BRUN | -0.040 | 3 | 2 | CAR CAPT | 3.040 | 1 | 1 | CAR DEFL | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| CAR MEMB | 20.510 | 1 | 0 | EMP NIGR | 0.424 | 5 | 1 | EQV ARVE | 0.360 | 1 | 1 |
| CAS TETR | 0.005 | 4 | 2 | KAL P MI | 0.090 | 3 | 0 | PHY EMP | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| LEO DECU | 0.015 | 4 | 1 | LEO GROE | -0.075 | 2 | 1 | GEN GLAU | 0.380 | 2 | 0 |
| VAC ULIG | 0.015 | 4 | 1 | VAC VITI | 0.075 | 2 | 1 | CAL CANA | -1.020 | 2 | 1 |
| GEN PROP | 2.660 | 4 | 1 | AGS SCAB | 10.865 | 4 | 1 | HIE ALPI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| DES CAES | 2.660 | 4 | 1 | POA ALPN | 10.500 | 1 | 0 | TRIS SPIC | 0.017 | 4 | 1 |
| POA ALPG | 1.660 | 4 | 1 | JUN ALBE | 0.010 | 3 | 0 | LUC ANNO | 0.010 | 2 | 0 |
| JUN BALI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | LUC ALPI | 0.010 | 3 | 0 | EPI ANGU | 0.536 | 7 | 3 |
| HEO ALPI | 0.010 | 3 | 0 | LYC SELA | 0.040 | 1 | 0 | PIC GLAU | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| LYC CLAV | 0.010 | 3 | 0 | BOT LUNA | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | PIRUL SP | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| EPI LATI | 0.010 | 3 | 0 | POL VITI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | THA ALPI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| POL ACUI | -1.070 | 2 | 2 | ANE PARV | 0.010 | 2 | 0 | RUB ACU | 0.010 | 3 | 3 |
| PHY MINO | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | POT FUI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | SPI BEAU | 0.007 | 3 | 1 |
| ABT LAST | 0.010 | 2 | 0 | SIB PROC | 0.220 | 6 | 2 | SAL BAH | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| HUB CHAM | 0.010 | 2 | 0 | SAL ALAX | 0.737 | 3 | 0 | SAL PLAN | 4.884 | 7 | 3 |
| POP BALB | 0.010 | 2 | 0 | SAL MYRT | -1.175 | 2 | 2 | PAR KOTZ | 0.200 | 2 | 0 |
| SAL PULA | 0.010 | 3 | 0 | SAL RETI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | VER WORM | 0.025 | 2 | 0 |
| PEO LABR | 0.010 | 2 | 0 | PED SUNE | 0.007 | 4 | 4 | CET LAEV | -0.030 | 1 | 1 |
| VAL CAPT | -1.190 | 2 | 2 | BAC ALPI | -0.512 | 5 | 3 | CET RICH | -52.250 | 1 | 1 |
| CET CUCU | -4.892 | 4 | 2 | CET PINA | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | CLA MITI | 0.250 | 1 | 0 |
| CET NIVA | -2.965 | 2 | 2 | CLA ARBU | 0.085 | 4 | 3 | CLA CORN | -0.080 | 3 | 2 |
| CLA RANG | 0.000 | 1 | 0 | CLA COCC | 0.010 | 2 | 1 | CLA G GR | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| CLA CHLO | 0.040 | 1 | 0 | CLA MAJO | 0.125 | 2 | 0 | CLA MEIA | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| CLA GUNE | 0.005 | 2 | 1 | CLA POCI | 0.315 | 2 | 1 | CLA PYRI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| CLA MACA | 0.005 | 2 | 1 | CLA UNCI | 2.580 | 1 | 0 | CLAD SPP | 12.167 | 3 | 1 |
| CLA PLEU | 0.250 | 7 | 6 | STER SPP | 4.800 | 1 | 0 | PAN PEZI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| NEP ARCT | 0.070 | 2 | 1 | PEL CANI | 3.360 | 2 | 0 | PEL MALA | 0.115 | 3 | 0 |
| PEL APHT | 0.268 | 6 | 4 | PEL RIFE | 1.185 | 4 | 0 | STE PASC | 1.660 | 1 | 0 |
| PEL PULV | 0.000 | 1 | 0 | SIE ALPI | 9.050 | 1 | 0 | STE TOME | 0.325 | 2 | 0 |
| SOL CROC | 1.210 | 1 | 0 | SIE SAXA | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | SOIL LVC | 2.922 | 4 | 1 |
| SIE RIWI | 1.460 | 2 | 0 | CRUSTOSE | 9.510 | 5 | 4 | NAME SP | 0.005 | 3 | 0 |
| TON LOBH | 0.540 | 1 | 0 | RHIZO SP | 0.005 | 2 | 0 | POLYI SP | 0.005 | 3 | 0 |
| SAX LICH | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | LECIDEA | 0.005 | 2 | 0 | CER UNCI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| LEC STIG | 41.000 | 1 | 0 | MOSS SPP | 0.003 | 3 | 0 | PLE SCIR | 0.005 | 2 | 2 |
| HEPATICS | 0.000 | 1 | 0 | AUL PALU | 0.003 | 3 | 0 | POL JUNI | 5.324 | 5 | 1 |
| POLYI SPP | 0.000 | 1 | 0 | CAM S TEL | 0.003 | 3 | 0 | | | | |
| CAM S AR | 0.000 | 1 | 0 | DRL REVO | 0.003 | 3 | 0 | | | | |
| DIT FLEX | 0.000 | 1 | 0 | HYP BAMB | 0.003 | 3 | 0 | | | | |
| HYL SPLE | -0.325 | 2 | 2 | POL HYPE | 0.003 | 3 | 0 | | | | |
| POL COMM | 15.872 | 5 | 0 | RHA CANE | 0.003 | 3 | 0 | | | | |
| POL PIIT | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| ART ARCT | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | SENEC SP | -1.100 | 0 | 2 | EQV ARVE | -1.200 | 0 | 1 |
| VAC VITI | 0.222 | 0 | 5 | GEN GLAU | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | GRAMINEA | -12.500 | 0 | 2 |
| LYC ALPI | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | RUB CHAM | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | PEDIC SP | -1.100 | 0 | 2 |
| ALE DCUR | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | CET CUCU | -0.435 | 0 | 2 | CET ISIA | -3.865 | 0 | 2 |
| CET NIVA | -0.140 | 0 | 2 | CET PINA | -0.250 | 0 | 1 | CET RICH | -0.165 | 0 | 4 |
| CET SEPI | -1.920 | 0 | 1 | CLA ARBU | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | CLA MITI | -52.500 | 0 | 1 |
| CLA RANG | -7.658 | 0 | 4 | CLA STEL | -26.930 | 0 | 2 | CLA AMAU | -1.100 | 0 | 1 |
| CLA BELL | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | CLA CARN | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | CLA GEMO | 0.000 | 0 | 1 |
| CLA COCC | -1.400 | 0 | 2 | CLA CRTS | 0.000 | 0 | 3 | CLA DEFO | -0.005 | 0 | 4 |
| CLA FIMB | -0.033 | 0 | 3 | CLA GOME | -0.220 | 0 | 3 | CLA G GR | -4.850 | 0 | 1 |
| CLA MACA | 0.000 | 0 | 1 | CLA MAJO | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | CLA SUBF | -0.010 | 0 | 4 |
| CLA SUBU | -0.040 | 0 | 2 | CLA UNCI | 0.000 | 0 | 1 | CLA SPP | -0.393 | 0 | 3 |
| OAC ARCT | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | ECM ERIC | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | LEC GRAN | -0.075 | 0 | 2 |
| UCH AMOR | -0.140 | 0 | 1 | PAR SEPT | -0.190 | 0 | 1 | PAR AMBI | -0.230 | 0 | 3 |
| PAR HYPE | 0.807 | 0 | 3 | PEL APHT | -1.100 | 0 | 1 | PEL CANI | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| STE ALPI | 0.010 | 0 | 1 | SIF PASC | 2.078 | 0 | 5 | UMB HYPE | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| UMB PRON | 0.010 | 0 | 1 | HEPATICS | 0.010 | 0 | 1 | MUSS SPP | -0.340 | 0 | 1 |
| AUL PALU | 8.020 | 0 | 2 | DICRAMID | 0.010 | 0 | 1 | DRE UNCI | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| HYL SPLE | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | PLE SCIR | 0.000 | 0 | 2 | PUN CUMA | -14.017 | 0 | 3 |
| POL JUNI | 3.040 | 0 | 1 | POL PIIT | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | POL SITH | -0.577 | 0 | 4 |

H.1 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Roads (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)
In *Betula glandulosa*-*Cladonia stellaris*-Moss Tundra (n=6)

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|-----------|---------|-------|-------|
| BET GLAN | -5.567 | 4 | 3 | CER BEER | 0.010 | 0 | 1 | MIN BEFL | 0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| SAG INIE | 0.050 | 2 | 0 | SAG LITH | 0.010 | 0 | 1 | STELL SP | 0.000 | 0 | 1 |
| MOE LATE | 0.290 | 1 | 0 | ANT TSOL | 0.305 | 1 | 0 | ANT MONO | 0.247 | 3 | 2 |
| ANT ARCT | -5.285 | 2 | 1 | AST SIBI | 0.010 | 0 | 1 | ERI INMI | 0.750 | 1 | 0 |
| PET FRIG | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | SEN LUGE | 0.925 | 2 | 0 | SEN YUKO | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| TARAX SP | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | TAH ALAS | 0.075 | 2 | 0 | RHO INIE | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| ORA CHAS | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | DRS PHAE | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | CAREX SP | 10.500 | 1 | 0 |
| CAR A ST | 63.000 | 1 | 0 | ERI ANGU | 0.750 | 1 | 0 | EMP NIGR | 0.010 | 2 | 0 |
| EQV ARVE | 33.300 | 1 | 0 | LEO DECU | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | LEO GROE | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| FES ALIA | 3.600 | 1 | 0 | POA ALPN | 1.200 | 1 | 0 | THS SPIC | 7.615 | 4 | 1 |
| HEO ALPI | 0.130 | 1 | 0 | EPI ANGU | 0.750 | 1 | 0 | AST ALPI | 0.010 | 3 | 0 |
| LYC SELA | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | ANE MARC | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | LYC ANNO | 0.140 | 1 | 0 |
| PIRUL SP | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | SAL ALAX | 0.530 | 4 | 1 | ORY OCTO | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| SIB PROC | 0.280 | 3 | 0 | SAL LAMA | 2.190 | 1 | 0 | SAL BLAN | -1.472 | 4 | 1 |
| SAL A XP | 0.010 | 2 | 0 | SAL RLTI | -0.023 | 4 | 1 | PAR KOTZ | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| PEO SUOE | 0.010 | 2 | 0 | VER WORM | -0.110 | 1 | 0 | MIS LICH | 0.140 | 2 | 0 |
| CET CUCU | -0.660 | 1 | 0 | CET PINA | 0.000 | 1 | 1 | CET TITE | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| CLA CARI | 0.040 | 1 | 0 | CLA COCC | 0.000 | 2 | 1 | PAN PEZI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| PEL ALPI | 3.050 | 1 | 0 | STE PASC | -1.680 | 1 | 1 | SOL CRUC | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| MUSS SPP | 5.904 | 5 | 5 | BRA SALE | 0.000 | 1 | 0 | BUE PAPI | 0.000 | 1 | 0 |
| POL JUNI | 0.000 | 1 | 1 | POL PIIT | 0.000 | 1 | 1 | TUR NIURV | 0.000 | 1 | 0 |

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| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| BET GLAN | 9.840 | 0 | 1 | SIL ACU | -0.250 | 0 | 1 | SIL ACU | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| ANT ALPI | 0.190 | 0 | 1 | SENEC SP | -1.100 | 0 | 1 | SEN LUGE | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| JUN COMM | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | CAR PUOU | -0.140 | 0 | 1 | CAR SCIR | -0.140 | 0 | 1 |
| EMP NIGR | 2.405 | 0 | 2 | ARC ALPI | -4.340 | 0 | 1 | ARC UVA | -2.800 | 0 | 1 |
| LED GROE | -4.950 | 0 | 1 | VAC ULIG | -7.050 | 0 | 1 | VAC VITI | -0.368 | 0 | 5 |
| GEN GLAU | 0.140 | 0 | 1 | GRAMINEA | 12.500 | 0 | 1 | FES ALTA | -1.560 | 0 | 1 |
| HEO ALPI | 0.010 | 0 | 1 | LYC ALPI | 0.010 | 0 | 1 | LYC CLAV | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| AIE NARC | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | POL ACUI | -0.725 | 0 | 2 | POL VITI | -0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| ORY INTF | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | ANE PARV | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | THA ALPI | -0.140 | 0 | 1 |
| SAL GLAU | 0.010 | 0 | 1 | POT FUI | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | RUB ACU | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| PEU LABH | 0.010 | 0 | 1 | SAL RLTI | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | PENIC SP | -1.100 | 0 | 1 |
| CET ISIA | -2.072 | 0 | 5 | VAL CAPT | -1.200 | 0 | 1 | CET CUCU | -0.040 | 0 | 1 |
| CET PINA | -0.135 | 0 | 4 | CET LAEV | -0.250 | 0 | 1 | CET NIVA | -0.920 | 0 | 3 |
| CLA MITI | -12.040 | 0 | 2 | CET RICH | -0.647 | 0 | 4 | CLA ARBU | -8.185 | 0 | 2 |
| CLA BELL | 0.000 | 0 | 1 | CLA RANG | -1.662 | 0 | 4 | CLA STEL | -44.167 | 0 | 3 |
| CLA COCC | 0.000 | 0 | 2 | CLA CARN | 0.000 | 0 | 2 | CLA CEMO | 0.000 | 0 | 1 |
| CLA DLEO | 0.000 | 0 | 2 | CLA CORN | -1.310 | 0 | 4 | CLA CRTS | 0.000 | 0 | 1 |
| CLA G GR | 0.000 | 0 | 2 | CLA GOME | 0.000 | 0 | 4 | CLA MAJO | -1.310 | 0 | 1 |
| CLA POCI | -0.710 | 0 | 2 | CLA MACA | 0.000 | 0 | 1 | CLA PLEU | 0.000 | 0 | 1 |
| CLAD SPP | 0.355 | 0 | 4 | OAC BEFI | -0.250 | 0 | 1 | CLA VERT | 0.000 | 0 | 1 |
| PAR AMBI | -0.220 | 0 | 2 | PAR HYPE | -0.850 | 0 | 1 | NEP ARCT | -0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| SOL CROC | -0.190 | 0 | 2 | SIE PASC | -3.715 | 0 | 2 | PEL APHT | -0.670 | 0 | 3 |
| HYL SPLE | 0.000 | 0 | 2 | PLE SCIR | 0.000 | 0 | 2 | MUSS SPP | -12.450 | 0 | 1 |
| POL JUNI | 0.000 | 0 | 1 | POL SITH | 0.000 | 0 | 3 | | | | |



H.3 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Bulldozer Tracks (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.) In *Betula glandulosa*-*Cladonia stellaris*-Moss Tundra (n=6)

| SPECIES | COV DIF | OISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | OISTB | CONTR |
|------------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| BET GLAN | -16.577 | 4 | 1 | ANT ISOL | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1 |
| ANT MUNO | -0.690 | 1 | 1 | PER FRIG | -0.740 | 1 | 1 |
| CAR BRUN | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | CAR PUOD | -0.130 | 1 | 1 |
| EMP NIGR | 0.015 | 2 | 0 | VAC ULIG | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| VAC VITI | 0.595 | 6 | 1 | AGS SCAB | 0.140 | 1 | 0 |
| CAL CAMA | 2.700 | 1 | 0 | FES ALTA | -0.760 | 6 | 2 |
| HIE ALPI | 0.440 | 1 | 0 | LYC ALPI | 0.010 | 1 | 1 |
| LYC CLAV | 0.007 | 3 | 1 | EPI LARI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| POL ACUT | -0.240 | 1 | 1 | ANE MARC | -0.360 | 1 | 1 |
| RAN ESCH | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | RUB CHAM | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| SIB PROC | 0.065 | 2 | 1 | SAL PLAN | -3.510 | 4 | 3 |
| CET ERIC | -0.080 | 1 | 0 | CET CUCU | -0.015 | 4 | 2 |
| CLA ARDU | -0.605 | 2 | 1 | CET NIVA | -2.188 | 6 | 6 |
| CLA STEL | -22.610 | 4 | 1 | CET TILE | -0.250 | 1 | 0 |
| CLA CERD | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | CLA RANG | -1.350 | 4 | 4 |
| CLA CRIS | 0.425 | 4 | 2 | CLA CARN | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| CLA GUNE | 0.272 | 5 | 4 | CLA CORN | 1.080 | 3 | 1 |
| CLA MACA | 1.470 | 3 | 1 | CLA FURC | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| CLA UNCI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | CLA GR | -1.350 | 3 | 2 |
| DAC BERI | -0.840 | 1 | 1 | CLA SURU | -0.240 | 1 | 1 |
| PEL APHT | -0.450 | 2 | 2 | DAC ARCT | 0.010 | 2 | 2 |
| PEL PULV | 0.090 | 2 | 1 | HEP ARCT | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| SIE PASC | 3.304 | 5 | 5 | PEL POLY | 0.010 | 3 | 2 |
| SOIL LITC | 0.295 | 2 | 0 | SOL CRUC | 1.737 | 3 | 2 |
| DACTYLIN | 0.140 | 1 | 0 | CRUSTOSE | 0.250 | 1 | 0 |
| POLYI SP | 27.167 | 3 | 0 | BUE DISC | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| OTICRAPHUM | -0.010 | 1 | 0 | MUSS SPP | 3.184 | 5 | 4 |
| HYL SPLE | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | BRYACEAE | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| POL JUNI | -1.013 | 3 | 1 | DRE UNCI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| | | | | PUL UNCI | -21.005 | 2 | 2 |
| | | | | PUL STRI | 17.465 | 4 | 3 |

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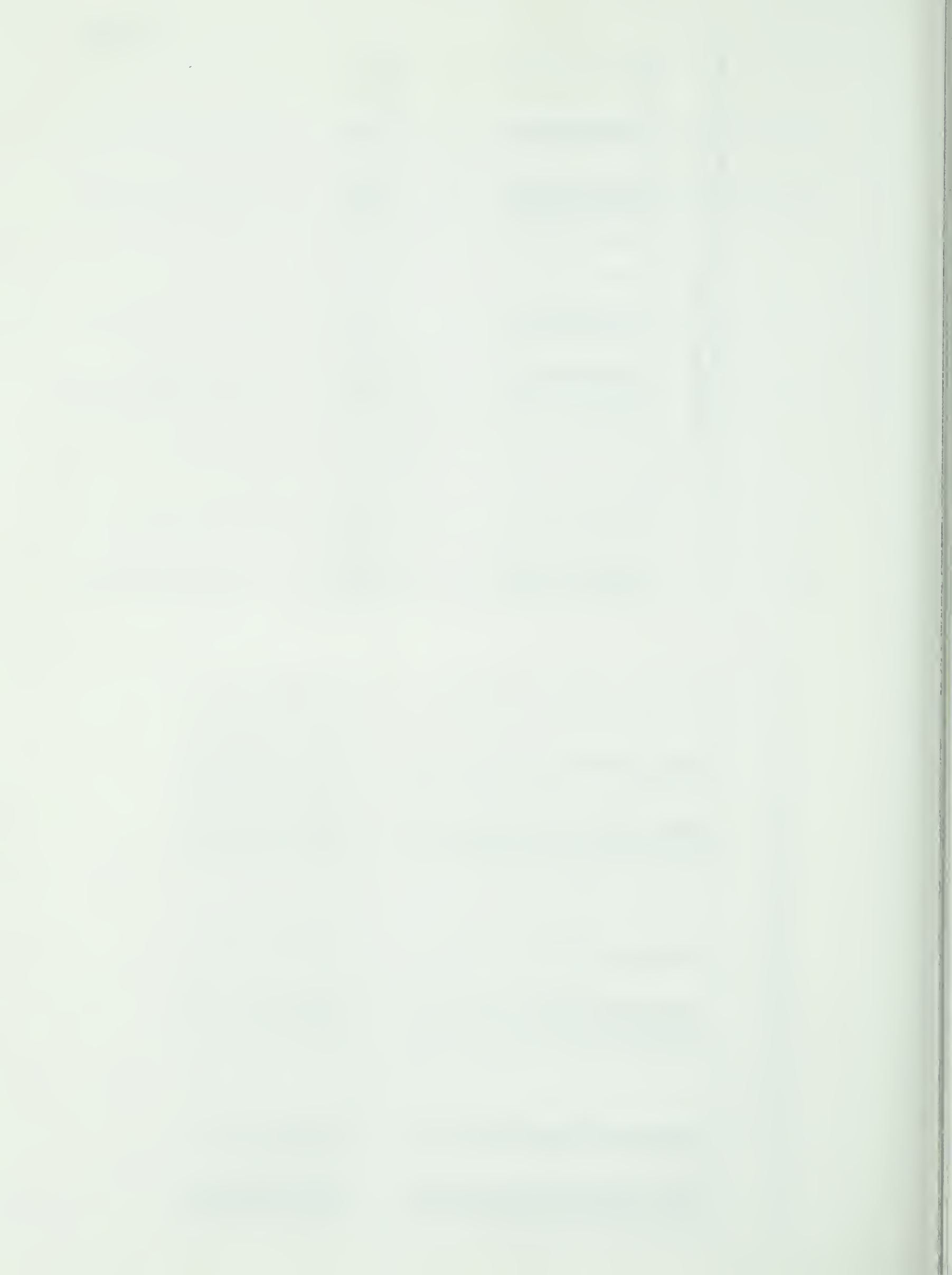
| SPECIES | COV DIF | OISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | OISTB | CONTR |
|-----------|---------|-------|-------|-----------|---------|-------|-------|
| BET GLAN | -12.500 | 0 | 1 | CAR BRUN | -0.090 | 0 | 1 |
| CAS TEIR | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | EPI ANGI | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| CET CUCU | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | GET RICH | -0.700 | 0 | 1 |
| CLA ARBU | 0.010 | 0 | 1 | CLA RANG | 0.610 | 0 | 2 |
| CLA STEL | -13.000 | 0 | 1 | CLA CARN | -0.007 | 0 | 3 |
| CLA COCC | 0.010 | 0 | 1 | CLA DEFU | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| CLA FIMB | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | CLA G. GH | 0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| CLA PI EU | 0.010 | 0 | 1 | CLA SURU | -0.040 | 0 | 1 |
| ICM ERIC | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | OCU ANGI | -0.040 | 0 | 1 |
| PAR SEPT | -0.190 | 0 | 1 | PAN HYPE | 0.250 | 0 | 1 |
| PEL APHT | -0.010 | 0 | 2 | STE ALPI | 0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| STE PASC | -3.920 | 0 | 1 | UMB PHOB | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| SUL LITC | -0.650 | 0 | 1 | DRE UNCI | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| HYL SPLE | 0.010 | 0 | 2 | PUL CUMM | -0.005 | 0 | 2 |
| POL JUNI | 0.010 | 0 | 1 | PUL STRI | 0.010 | 0 | 1 |

H.4 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Camp Yards (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.) In *Betula glandulosa*-*Cladonia stellaris*-Moss Tundra (n=1)

| SPECIES | COV DIF | OISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | OISTB | CONTR |
|-----------|---------|-------|-------|-----------|---------|-------|-------|
| BET GLAN | -12.870 | 1 | 1 | STE MUNA | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| ANT ISOL | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | CAR PHAE | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| GEN GLAU | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | AGP VIOL | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| CAL CAMA | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | FES ALTA | 2.250 | 1 | 0 |
| PHL COMA | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | POA GLAU | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| LYC LUNA | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | LYC CLAV | 0.040 | 1 | 0 |
| BOI ALAR | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | POT MURV | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| SAL ALAR | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | SAL PLAN | 0.140 | 1 | 0 |
| CET ISLA | 0.010 | 1 | 1 | CET NIVA | -0.050 | 1 | 1 |
| CLA MITI | -52.310 | 1 | 1 | CLA BOIR | 0.010 | 1 | 1 |
| CLA G. OI | 0.600 | 1 | 0 | CLA G. GR | 0.800 | 1 | 0 |
| CLA UNCI | 0.190 | 1 | 0 | CLA VERT | 0.090 | 1 | 0 |
| PSO HYFN | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | SOL CRUC | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| MUSS SPP | 0.600 | 1 | 0 | POLYI SP | 70.500 | 1 | 0 |
| CER PUMP | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | | | | |

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| SPECIES | COV DIF | OISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | OISTB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| CAR BRUN | -0.090 | 0 | 1 | VAC VITI | -0.040 | 0 | 1 |
| CLA RANG | -3.050 | 0 | 1 | CLA STEL | -1.360 | 0 | 1 |
| CLA DEFU | 0.010 | 0 | 1 | CLA SUUF | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| CLA SPP | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | PAR AMBI | -0.250 | 0 | 1 |
| POL CUMM | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | | | | |



H.5 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Gravel Pits (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)
In *Betula glandulosa*-*Cladonia stellaris*-Moss Tundra (n=16)

----- IN CONTROLS BUT NOT IN DISTURBANCES -----

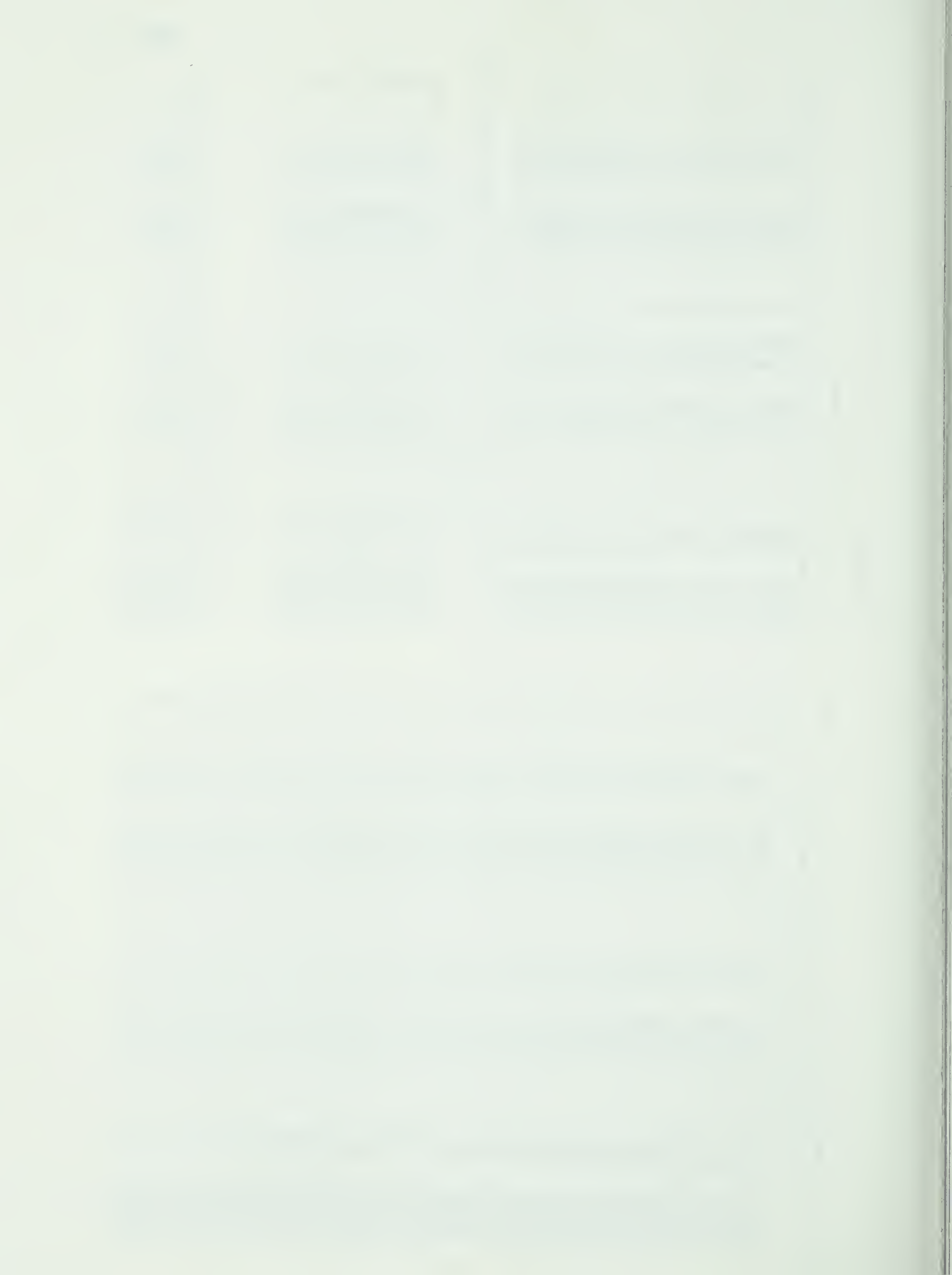
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|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| BET GLAN | -13 107 | 0 010 | 10 | MIN BIFL | -0 073 | 0 010 | 3 | LIN BORE | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | SIL ACAC | -0 250 | 0 010 | 1 |
| BET BEER | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | MIN R EL | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | MIN R EL | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | PET FRIG | -0 250 | 0 010 | 1 |
| MIN STIR | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | SAG LIMP | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | SIL ACAC | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | EMP NIGR | -0 250 | 0 010 | 1 |
| SIL LAET | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | ANTEN SP | -0 264 | 0 010 | 3 | ANT KMA | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | CAS TETR | -0 607 | 0 010 | 1 |
| ANT ISOL | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | ART ARCT | -0 080 | 0 010 | 3 | ARN ALPI | -0 180 | 0 010 | 1 | GRAMINEA | -12 500 | 0 010 | 1 |
| ARN LESS | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | ERIC SP | 0 010 | 0 010 | 3 | AST SIBI | 0 017 | 0 010 | 1 | LYC ALPH | -0 510 | 0 010 | 1 |
| CRE NANA | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | SEN LUG | 0 454 | 0 010 | 3 | ITE TRIS | 0 100 | 0 010 | 1 | LYC CLAV | -0 010 | 0 010 | 1 |
| PET FRIG | 0 010 | 0 010 | 3 | JUN COMM | 0 960 | 0 010 | 3 | SEN CUMB | 0 100 | 0 010 | 1 | POL VIVI | -0 010 | 0 010 | 1 |
| SOL MULT | 0 010 | 0 010 | 2 | CAR BRUN | -0 020 | 0 010 | 2 | CAR ATSQ | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | RUB ACAC | -0 803 | 0 010 | 1 |
| RUB INTE | 0 010 | 0 010 | 2 | CAR PETR | 0 010 | 0 010 | 2 | CAR PHAE | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | SAL RETI | -0 250 | 0 010 | 1 |
| CAR AURE | 0 010 | 0 010 | 2 | EMP NIGR | -0 037 | 0 010 | 3 | ERI SCHE | 0 920 | 0 010 | 1 | VAL CAPI | -1 200 | 0 010 | 1 |
| CAR POUO | -0 083 | 0 010 | 3 | LED DECU | 20 500 | 0 010 | 2 | ARC ALPI | -0 590 | 0 010 | 1 | CET LAEV | -0 250 | 0 010 | 1 |
| SHE CANA | 0 010 | 0 010 | 2 | VAC ULLC | -0 939 | 0 010 | 2 | LEO GRUE | -0 300 | 0 010 | 1 | CET RICH | -0 250 | 0 010 | 1 |
| EUU SCIR | 0 010 | 0 010 | 2 | GEN PRUS | 0 010 | 0 010 | 2 | VAC VITI | -0 371 | 0 010 | 1 | CLA MITI | -36 511 | 0 010 | 1 |
| CAS TETR | 0 003 | 0 010 | 3 | AGP VIOL | 0 010 | 0 010 | 2 | AGS SCAB | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | CLA AMAU | -1 100 | 0 010 | 1 |
| PHY EMPF | 0 010 | 0 010 | 2 | CAL CANA | 0 010 | 0 010 | 2 | CAL LAPP | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | CLA CEMO | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 |
| GRAMINEA | -12 430 | 0 010 | 2 | DES CAES | 0 564 | 0 010 | 2 | FES ALIA | 0 252 | 0 010 | 1 | CLA CRIS | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 |
| ARC LATI | 0 010 | 0 010 | 2 | PDA ALPG | 0 010 | 0 010 | 2 | PDA ALPN | 0 555 | 0 010 | 1 | CLA GONE | -0 096 | 0 010 | 1 |
| HE ALPI | 0 010 | 0 010 | 2 | PUA GLAU | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | HS SPIC | 0 120 | 0 010 | 1 | CLA MACA | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 |
| PUA ARCT | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | JUN CAST | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | LUZ ARCU | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | CLA POCI | -0 005 | 0 010 | 1 |
| JUN BALI | 1 920 | 0 010 | 1 | LUZ PABV | -0 390 | 0 010 | 2 | AST ALPI | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | CLA UNCI | -0 005 | 0 010 | 1 |
| LUZ NIVA | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | EPTLO SP | 0 010 | 0 010 | 2 | LYC ANNO | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | LEC GRAN | -0 053 | 0 010 | 1 |
| HEO ALPI | 1 514 | 0 010 | 1 | LYC ALPI | 0 010 | 0 010 | 2 | EPT ANAG | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | PAR SEPT | -0 190 | 0 010 | 1 |
| LYC CLAV | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | PUL VIVI | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | BUT LUNA | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | PEL APHI | -0 530 | 0 010 | 1 |
| EPT ANNU | -0 118 | 0 010 | 1 | AMP CHAM | 0 010 | 0 010 | 2 | PURUL SP | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | SOL CROC | -0 100 | 0 010 | 1 |
| RUM OCCI | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | PUA ASAR | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | THA SECU | -0 060 | 0 010 | 1 | UMB HYPE | -0 010 | 0 010 | 1 |
| PUA ASAR | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | AMP GRAN | 0 010 | 0 010 | 2 | THA SECU | -0 060 | 0 010 | 1 | HEPATICS | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 |
| AMP NARC | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | AMP GRAN | 0 010 | 0 010 | 2 | THA SECU | -0 060 | 0 010 | 1 | CER PURP | -0 010 | 0 010 | 1 |
| AMP NARC | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | AMP GRAN | 0 010 | 0 010 | 2 | THA SECU | -0 060 | 0 010 | 1 | HYL SPLE | -0 003 | 0 010 | 1 |
| AMP NARC | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | AMP GRAN | 0 010 | 0 010 | 2 | THA SECU | -0 060 | 0 010 | 1 | POL JUNI | -3 040 | 0 010 | 1 |
| AMP NARC | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | AMP GRAN | 0 010 | 0 010 | 2 | THA SECU | -0 060 | 0 010 | 1 | | | | |

H.6 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Pit Access Roads (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)
In *Betula glandulosa*-*Cladonia stellaris*-Moss Tundra (n=1)

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| BET GLAN | -19 750 | 0 010 | 1 | ANT MONU | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | ANT STOL | 3 920 | 0 010 | 1 | CET RICH | -0 010 | 0 010 | 1 |
| HEP TRIS | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | CAR BRUN | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | CAR PODO | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | ICH ERIC | -0 010 | 0 010 | 1 |
| LMP NIGR | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | CAS TETR | 0 600 | 0 010 | 1 | VAC ULIG | 0 750 | 0 010 | 1 | PAR SEPT | -0 190 | 0 010 | 1 |
| VAC VITI | -0 080 | 0 010 | 1 | GEN GLAU | 0 600 | 0 010 | 1 | CAL CANA | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | UMB HYPE | -0 010 | 0 010 | 1 |
| DES CAES | 1 210 | 0 010 | 1 | FES ALIA | 3 360 | 0 010 | 1 | LUZ ARCU | 1 920 | 0 010 | 1 | CER PURP | -0 010 | 0 010 | 1 |
| LUZ MULT | 0 040 | 0 010 | 1 | EPT ANGU | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | SIB PROC | 1 100 | 0 010 | 1 | HEPATICS | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 |
| SPI BEAU | 0 040 | 0 010 | 1 | SAL PLAN | 4 350 | 0 010 | 1 | CET ISLA | 2 540 | 0 010 | 1 | PLE SCIR | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 |
| CET NIVA | -19 490 | 0 010 | 1 | CET PINA | -0 050 | 0 010 | 1 | CLA RANG | -2 710 | 0 010 | 1 | RHA CANE | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 |
| CLA STEL | -30 960 | 0 010 | 1 | CLA BACL | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | CLA BELL | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | | | | |
| CLA CARN | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | CLA CHLO | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | CLA COCC | -2 800 | 0 010 | 1 | | | | |
| CLA G OI | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | CLA G GR | -3 850 | 0 010 | 1 | CLA LEPI | 0 290 | 0 010 | 1 | | | | |
| CLA SPP | 0 250 | 0 010 | 1 | PEL APHI | 0 280 | 0 010 | 1 | PEL PULV | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | | | | |
| SOL CROC | 11 500 | 0 010 | 1 | STE COMO | 0 750 | 0 010 | 1 | STE PASC | 20 050 | 0 010 | 1 | | | | |
| DCM INAE | 1 260 | 0 010 | 1 | LECIOEA | 0 750 | 0 010 | 1 | HEPATICS | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | | | | |
| MOSS SPP | 1 560 | 0 010 | 1 | ORE UNCT | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | PLE SCIR | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | | | | |
| POL COMM | 16 490 | 0 010 | 1 | POL PILI | 16 500 | 0 010 | 1 | | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | | | | |

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| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| ALE DCNR | -0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | CET CUCU | -0 340 | 0 010 | 1 | CET RICH | -0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | CET RICH | -0 010 | 0 010 | 1 |
| CLA GONE | -0 650 | 0 010 | 1 | CLA SUBF | -0 140 | 0 010 | 1 | ICH ERIC | -0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | ICH ERIC | -0 010 | 0 010 | 1 |
| LEC GRAN | -0 190 | 0 010 | 1 | DCM ANOR | -0 140 | 0 010 | 1 | PAR SEPT | -0 190 | 0 010 | 1 | PAR SEPT | -0 190 | 0 010 | 1 |
| PAR AMBI | -0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | STE ALPI | -0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | UMB HYPE | -0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | UMB HYPE | -0 010 | 0 010 | 1 |
| UMB PROB | -0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | SOIL LIC | -0 650 | 0 010 | 1 | CER PURP | -0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | CER PURP | -0 010 | 0 010 | 1 |
| DICHANUM | 0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | HYL SPLE | -0 010 | 0 010 | 1 | POL JUNI | -3 040 | 0 010 | 1 | POL JUNI | -3 040 | 0 010 | 1 |
| POL STIR | -1 660 | 0 010 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |



1.1 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Roads (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)
In *Cladonia stellaris-Alectoria ochroleuca* Tundra (n=6)

| SPECIES | COV DIF | OISIB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | OISIB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | OISIB | CONTR |
|-----------|---------|-------|-------|-----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| ALN CRIS | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | BET GLAN | -4.293 | 3 | 3 | CER BEER | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| MIN ARCT | 7.680 | 1 | 1 | MIN MACR | 4.385 | 4 | 0 | MIN REL | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| MIN RUDE | 0.010 | 2 | 0 | MIN STRI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | SIL ACAC | 0.260 | 2 | 1 |
| STELL SP | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | SIE LAET | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | ANT OENS | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| ANT EXMA | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | ANT MOMO | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | ARM ALPI | 0.010 | 2 | 0 |
| ARM LOOI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | ARI ARCT | 0.924 | 5 | 3 | ARI T EL | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| CRE NANA | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | ERI ERIO | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | ERI HYPE | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| ERI PURP | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | ERI HUMI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | SOL MULT | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| TAR ALAS | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | CAR BELL | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | DRA CORY | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| ORA LACT | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | CAR GLAC | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | CAR MEMB | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| CAR MICH | -0.190 | 4 | 4 | CAR PODO | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | EMP NIGR | 0.006 | 5 | 2 |
| ACH ALPI | -1.345 | 2 | 2 | CAS TETR | -4.227 | 4 | 3 | LED DECU | -0.380 | 2 | 2 |
| LOI PROC | 0.030 | 4 | 0 | RHO LAPP | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | VAC OLIG | -0.540 | 3 | 3 |
| VAC VIBI | -0.510 | 3 | 3 | ALP VIOL | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | ARC LATI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| CAL LAPP | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | CAL PURP | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | FES ALTA | 0.505 | 2 | 0 |
| FES BAFF | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | FES BRAC | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | HIE ALPI | -1.538 | 5 | 3 |
| PDA ALPG | 1.105 | 2 | 0 | PDA BRCT | 0.740 | 3 | 0 | PDA GLAU | 9.510 | 1 | 0 |
| IDS SPIC | 0.217 | 4 | 0 | JUN CAST | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | LYC ARCU | 0.010 | 2 | 0 |
| LUZ CHMP | 0.168 | 5 | 3 | TOF COCC | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | LYC CLAV | 0.010 | 2 | 0 |
| EPT ARCU | 0.010 | 3 | 0 | EPI LATI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | PUL VIVI | 0.005 | 2 | 1 |
| PYR SECU | 0.010 | 2 | 0 | AHE PARV | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | DRY INTE | 0.780 | 3 | 0 |
| DRY OCTO | 1.020 | 4 | 3 | DRY SILV | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | POT ELEG | 0.080 | 1 | 1 |
| POT FROI | 0.010 | 2 | 0 | POT HIPA | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | POT NIVE | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| POT ONIF | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | POP BAL'S | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | SAL ALAX | 4.967 | 6 | 0 |
| SAL ARBU | 1.530 | 2 | 0 | SAL ARCT | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | SAL BABR | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| SAL ODUG | 0.010 | 2 | 0 | SAL CLAU | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | SAL PLAN | 2.608 | 5 | 2 |
| SAL AX | 0.455 | 2 | 0 | SAL RETI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | PAR KOTZ | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| SAX DAUD | 0.040 | 1 | 0 | SAX PUNC | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | SAX REFL | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| SAX THIC | 1.000 | 3 | 0 | PEO CAPI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | ACA SCHL | 0.340 | 1 | 0 |
| PEO ARCT | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | BASIDOM | 0.395 | 2 | 2 | GET CUCU | -2.908 | 6 | 6 |
| ALE OCHR | -14.120 | 4 | 4 | ASA CHRY | -1.450 | 2 | 2 | GET NIVA | -7.367 | 3 | 3 |
| CET ERIC | 0.190 | 1 | 0 | CET ISLA | -10.930 | 2 | 0 | CLA RANO | -3.520 | 1 | 1 |
| CET TILLE | 0.065 | 2 | 2 | CLA ARBO | 0.090 | 2 | 0 | CLA CHLO | 0.110 | 2 | 0 |
| CLA STEL | -26.355 | 2 | 0 | CLA CARL | 0.140 | 1 | 0 | CLA G GR | -0.175 | 2 | 2 |
| CLA COCC | 0.157 | 4 | 3 | CLA PIRI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | CLA SUBU | 0.250 | 1 | 0 |
| CLA UNCT | 0.010 | 1 | 1 | DAC ARCT | -0.115 | 3 | 2 | PEL APHT | 2.050 | 2 | 0 |
| PEL CANI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | PEL POLY | 4.190 | 1 | 0 | PEL ROFE | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| SOL BISP | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | SIE ALPI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | STE GLAR | 0.250 | 1 | 0 |
| STE PASC | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | SIE TOME | 0.893 | 3 | 0 | THA SUBO | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| THE VERM | -0.175 | 2 | 2 | TOM LOBU | 1.100 | 1 | 0 | SOL LIC | 4.607 | 3 | 0 |
| SAX LICH | -4.390 | 3 | 3 | CLAODIA | 0.140 | 1 | 0 | LEC STIG | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| STEEP SP | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | MOSS SPP | 1.183 | 6 | 6 | ADL TURG | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| BRYUM SP | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | CAM STEL | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | NYL SPLE | 0.007 | 3 | 0 |
| PUG ALPI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | POL JUMI | 4.262 | 4 | 4 | POL PILT | 5.560 | 1 | 0 |
| RHA CANE | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | RHA LAMJ | 0.005 | 2 | 2 | ENC PROC | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |

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| SPECIES | COV DIF | OISIB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | OISIB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | OISIB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| BET GLAN | 5.663 | 0 | 3 | ARN LOUI | -0.010 | 0 | 0 | CAR MICH | -0.190 | 0 | 2 |
| ARC ALPI | -0.942 | 0 | 4 | CAS TETR | -8.510 | 0 | 0 | LEO DECO | -0.240 | 0 | 4 |
| RHO LAPP | 0.010 | 0 | 2 | VAC OLIG | -0.403 | 0 | 0 | VAC VITI | -0.510 | 0 | 3 |
| CAL LAPP | -0.010 | 0 | 2 | LOZ CONF | -0.010 | 0 | 0 | TOF COCC | -0.140 | 0 | 1 |
| LYC SELA | -0.034 | 0 | 5 | SAL LANA | -0.010 | 0 | 0 | PEO LABR | -0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| AGV RIGI | -0.187 | 0 | 6 | ALE OCHR | -5.100 | 0 | 0 | ASA CHRY | -0.700 | 0 | 3 |
| CET ISLA | -4.125 | 0 | 4 | CET LALV | -12.500 | 0 | 1 | CET NIVA | -5.447 | 0 | 3 |
| CET RICH | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | CLA ARBU | -0.430 | 0 | 3 | CLA RANG | -3.212 | 0 | 4 |
| CLA STEL | -21.860 | 0 | 4 | CLA AMAU | -0.640 | 0 | 2 | CLA CARN | -0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| CLA GILG | 0.010 | 0 | 1 | CLA COCC | -1.210 | 0 | 2 | CLA GONE | -0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| CLA GR | -0.220 | 0 | 4 | CLA META | 0.010 | 0 | 0 | CLA POCI | 0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| CLA UNCT | -0.305 | 0 | 2 | CLA SPP | -0.513 | 0 | 3 | COR OLIV | -0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| DAC ARCT | -0.250 | 0 | 4 | PAR SEPA | -0.190 | 0 | 2 | SPH GLOB | -0.800 | 0 | 1 |
| THA VERM | -0.290 | 0 | 1 | UMB HYPE | -0.480 | 0 | 3 | UMB H RA | -0.750 | 0 | 1 |
| OMB PHOB | -0.887 | 0 | 3 | CRUSTOSE | -8.950 | 0 | 2 | SAX LICH | -2.250 | 0 | 1 |
| RHILO SP | -4.153 | 0 | 4 | RHI RIPA | -1.360 | 0 | 2 | RHI LOPE | -1.360 | 0 | 2 |
| RHI INAR | 0.003 | 0 | 3 | LEC DEMI | -0.650 | 0 | 2 | OCN GEMI | -0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| HEPATICS | 0.005 | 0 | 6 | ADL TURG | -0.010 | 0 | 3 | CON TEIR | 0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| ULP ARUM | 0.010 | 0 | 2 | OTC FLUD | -0.010 | 0 | 2 | PIL CRIS | -0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| RHA CANE | 0.010 | 0 | 3 | | | | | | | | |

H.7 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Oil Spills (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)
In *Betula glandulosa-Cladonia stellaris-Moss* Tundra (n=8)

| SPECIES | COV DIF | OISIB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | OISIB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | OISIB | CONTR |
|-----------|---------|-------|-------|-----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| BET GLAN | -15.747 | 3 | 3 | ART ARCT | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | CET ERIC | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| CAR BRUN | 0.010 | 1 | 1 | CAR LACH | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | CAR PODO | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| EMP NIGR | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | EQU SCIR | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | VAC VIBI | -0.267 | 4 | 4 |
| GRAMINEA | 0.190 | 1 | 0 | CAL CANA | -3.500 | 1 | 0 | FES ALTA | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| PDA ALPN | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | TRIS SPIC | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | LOZ PARV | 0.255 | 2 | 1 |
| LYC SELA | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | EPI ANGU | 1.990 | 2 | 0 | POL ACUT | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| POT OLIVE | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | ROB ACAC | 0.005 | 2 | 1 | SAL PLAN | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| SAL GLAU | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | SAL VERM | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | MIS LICH | 23.878 | 5 | 0 |
| SAL RETI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | CET NIVA | -0.657 | 3 | 2 | CET RICH | -0.590 | 1 | 1 |
| CET ISLA | -0.005 | 2 | 2 | CLA STEL | -8.053 | 3 | 3 | CLA BACF | 0.145 | 2 | 0 |
| CLA BOTR | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | CLA CARN | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | CLA COCC | 0.005 | 2 | 1 |
| CLA DECU | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | CLA GUNE | 0.005 | 2 | 2 | CLA G OI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| CLA PLEU | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | CLA PUCI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | CLA PYXI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| CLA VERT | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | CLA SPP | 0.200 | 1 | 0 | LEC GRAN | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| PAN PEZI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | PEL APHT | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | STE ALPI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| SIE PASC | -0.177 | 3 | 3 | TOM INTS | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | CLAODIA | 19.400 | 1 | 0 |
| MOSS SPP | 7.920 | 4 | 2 | POL YI SP | 22.250 | 2 | 0 | AUL PALO | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| POL COMH | -41.990 | 1 | 1 | POL HYPE | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | POL JUMI | 0.003 | 7 | 0 |
| POL PILE | 0.010 | 3 | 0 | POL SIRT | 0.320 | 2 | 1 | | | | |

IN CONTROLS BUT NOT IN DISTURBANCES ----

| SPECIES | COV DIF | OISIB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | OISIB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | OISIB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| BET GLAN | -16.308 | 0 | 5 | ART ARCT | 0.010 | 0 | 1 | CET ERIC | -0.750 | 0 | 1 |
| CAR BRUN | 0.010 | 0 | 3 | EMP NIGR | 0.010 | 0 | 1 | CAS TETR | 0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| VAC OLIG | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | VAC VITI | -0.010 | 0 | 4 | GEN GLAU | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| FES ALTA | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | LYC ALPI | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | RUB CHAM | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| STB PROC | -0.010 | 0 | 2 | SPI BEAU | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | SAL PLAN | 0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| CET CUCU | 0.222 | 0 | 5 | CET ISLA | 0.042 | 0 | 6 | CET NIVA | 0.516 | 0 | 5 |
| CET PTHA | -0.467 | 0 | 8 | CET RICH | -0.431 | 0 | 7 | CET SEPI | -1.920 | 0 | 1 |
| CLA ARBU | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | CLA MITI | -52.500 | 0 | 4 | CLA RANG | 5.077 | 0 | 7 |
| CLA STEL | -36.744 | 0 | 5 | CLA AMAU | -1.100 | 0 | 1 | CLA BELL | -0.375 | 0 | 2 |
| CLA CARN | -0.005 | 0 | 2 | CLA COCC | -0.002 | 0 | 6 | CLA CORN | -0.003 | 0 | 3 |
| CLA CRIS | 0.010 | 0 | 5 | CLA DIFG | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | CLA GR | 0.010 | 0 | 3 |
| CLA GONE | -0.005 | 0 | 2 | CLA MALO | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | CLA PLEU | 0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| CLA SUBF | -0.010 | 0 | 5 | CLA SUBO | -0.040 | 0 | 4 | CLA UNCT | -0.005 | 0 | 2 |
| GLAO SPP | -0.192 | 0 | 6 | DAC ARCT | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | LEC GRAN | -0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| HEL ARCT | -0.010 | 0 | 2 | PAR AMQI | -0.210 | 0 | 6 | PAR HYPE | -1.085 | 0 | 1 |
| PEL APHT | -0.010 | 0 | 5 | PEL CANI | 0.010 | 0 | 1 | POL PILV | 0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| SOL CRUC | -0.010 | 0 | 5 | SIE PASC | -2.254 | 0 | 5 | HEPATICS | 0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| MOSS SPP | 0.595 | 0 | 2 | AUL PALU | -8.020 | 0 | 2 | PLE SCIR | 0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| POL COMH | -0.138 | 0 | 5 | POL PILT | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | POL SIRT | 0.010 | 0 | 2 |



1.2

Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between False Start Roads (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)

In *Cladonia stellaris*-*Alectoria ochroleuca* Tundra (n=2)

| SPECIES | COV DIF. | CUNTR | DISIB | CUNTR | SPECIES | COV DIF. | DISIB | CUNTR | CONTR |
|-----------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|----------|-------|-------|-------|
| BET GLAN | -4 150 | 1 | 1 | 1 | CER BEER | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| MIN R EL | 0 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | MIN MACR | 2 140 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| ANT MNO | -0 100 | 1 | 1 | 1 | MIN R EL | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| PET HYPE | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | 1 | ANT MNO | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| CAR BELL | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | 1 | PET HYPE | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| CAR MICH | -0 825 | 2 | 2 | 2 | CAR BELL | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| EMP NICH | 0 005 | 2 | 2 | 2 | CAR MICH | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| CAS TETR | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | 1 | EMP NICH | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| LOI PROC | 0 040 | 1 | 1 | 1 | CAS TETR | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| GEN GLAU | 0 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | LOI PROC | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| TRIS SPIC | -2 570 | 1 | 1 | 1 | GEN GLAU | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| LUZ CURT | 4 540 | 1 | 1 | 1 | TRIS SPIC | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| HEO MACK | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | 1 | LUZ CURT | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| EPI ANGU | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | 1 | HEO MACK | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| ORY DCTO | -0 330 | 1 | 1 | 1 | EPI ANGU | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| ANE PARV | 0 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | ORY DCTO | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| POT ELEG | 0 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | ANE PARV | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| SAL ARCT | 0 040 | 1 | 1 | 1 | POT ELEG | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| SAL PLAN | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | 1 | SAL ARCT | 0 040 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| PAR KOIZ | 0 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | SAL PLAN | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| PER SUDE | -0 180 | 1 | 1 | 1 | PAR KOIZ | 0 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| CET CUCU | -1 030 | 2 | 2 | 2 | PER SUDE | 0 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| CET NIVA | -7 450 | 1 | 1 | 1 | CET CUCU | 0 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| CLA G. GR | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | 1 | CET NIVA | 0 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| CLA META | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | 1 | CLA G. GR | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| CLA POCI | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | 1 | CLA META | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| CLA UNCI | 0 010 | 2 | 2 | 2 | CLA POCI | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| OAC BERI | -0 940 | 1 | 1 | 1 | CLA UNCI | 0 010 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| PEL MALA | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | 1 | OAC BERI | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| STE PASC | 1 920 | 1 | 1 | 1 | PEL MALA | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| LEC LITC | 13 625 | 2 | 2 | 2 | STE PASC | 1 920 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| AUL TURG | 0 340 | 1 | 1 | 1 | LEC LITC | 13 625 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| HYL SPLE | 0 005 | 2 | 2 | 2 | AUL TURG | 0 340 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| POL PILI | 0 130 | 1 | 1 | 1 | HYL SPLE | 0 005 | 2 | 2 | 2 |

IN CONTROLS BUT NOT IN DISTURBANCES

| SPECIES | COV DIF. | CUNTR | DISIB | CUNTR | SPECIES | COV DIF. | DISIB | CUNTR | CONTR |
|-----------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|----------|-------|-------|-------|
| BET GLAN | -4 090 | 1 | 1 | 1 | STEILL SP | 0 010 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| STE LAET | 0 500 | 1 | 1 | 1 | CAR SCIR | -1 510 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| CAR VAGI | -0 140 | 1 | 1 | 1 | CAS TETR | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| RHO LAPP | -0 140 | 1 | 1 | 1 | HED ALPI | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| TUF COCC | -0 140 | 1 | 1 | 1 | PAP KEEL | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| PTC GLAU | -0 010 | 1 | 1 | 1 | POL VIVI | -0 040 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| THA ALPI | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | 1 | SAL BARR | -0 040 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| SAX HIER | -0 010 | 1 | 1 | 1 | AGY RIGI | -0 750 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| ASA CHRY | -2 250 | 1 | 1 | 1 | CET RICH | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| CLA ARBU | -0 010 | 1 | 1 | 1 | CLA RANG | -1 025 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| CLA ANAU | 0 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | CLA CHLO | 0 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| CLA G. DI | -2 410 | 1 | 1 | 1 | CLA PHYL | 0 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| CLA SPP | -0 340 | 1 | 1 | 1 | CLA G. GR | -0 800 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| THA VERM | -0 290 | 1 | 1 | 1 | SAX LICH | -3 510 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| RHIZO SP | -4 540 | 1 | 1 | 1 | BUE PAPI | 0 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| UCHI GEMI | -3 010 | 1 | 1 | 1 | POL JUNI | 2 290 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

1.3 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Bladed Trails (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)

In *Cladonia stellaris*-*Alectoria ochroleuca* Tundra (n=4)

| SPECIES | COV DIF. | DISIB | CUNTR | SPECIES | COV DIF. | DISIB | CUNTR | SPECIES | COV DIF. | DISIB | CUNTR |
|-----------|----------|-------|-------|----------|----------|-------|-------|-----------|----------|-------|-------|
| BET GLAN | 5 202 | 4 | 4 | LIN BORE | 4 340 | 1 | 1 | MIN MACR | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| MIN R EL | 0 190 | 1 | 1 | SIL ACAC | 0 025 | 2 | 2 | STE LAET | 0 040 | 1 | 0 |
| ANT MNO | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | ARI ARCT | -0 203 | 3 | 3 | ERI HUMI | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| PET HYPE | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | SOL MUL | 1 510 | 1 | 1 | TAR ALAS | 0 040 | 1 | 0 |
| CAR BELL | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | CAR MICH | 5 015 | 2 | 2 | CAR PD00 | 2 090 | 4 | 0 |
| CAR MICH | 15 190 | 1 | 1 | EMP NICH | 0 033 | 3 | 3 | EOU SCIR | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| ARC ALPI | 0 260 | 4 | 4 | CAS TETR | -5 653 | 3 | 3 | LEO DECU | 1 347 | 3 | 3 |
| LOI PROC | 0 025 | 2 | 2 | RHO LAPP | -0 100 | 1 | 1 | VAC ULIG | -0 622 | 4 | 4 |
| VAC VITI | 9 087 | 3 | 3 | HEO PROP | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | CAL LAPP | 0 0 | 1 | 1 |
| FES ALTA | 0 010 | 2 | 2 | HIE ALPI | 0 370 | 4 | 4 | POA ARCT | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| TRIS SPIC | 0 250 | 1 | 1 | LYC ANNO | 0 850 | 1 | 1 | LUZ SPIC | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| TUF COCC | 0 560 | 1 | 1 | EPI ANGU | 0 010 | 2 | 2 | EPI LATI | 0 090 | 1 | 0 |
| LYC SELA | -0 030 | 1 | 1 | PIC GLAU | 0 010 | 2 | 2 | ORY OIGV | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| BOU LUNA | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | AND CHAM | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | PYR GRAN | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| PUL VIVI | 0 800 | 1 | 1 | ORY INIE | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | ORY DCTO | -0 810 | 1 | 1 |
| ANE PARV | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | POT ELES | 0 0 | 1 | 1 | POT FRUT | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| ROS ACIC | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | RUB CHAM | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | POP BAL | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| SAL ALAX | 1 897 | 3 | 3 | SAL GLAU | 0 075 | 2 | 2 | SAL LANA | 0 0 | 1 | 1 |
| SAX ATZO | 8 325 | 2 | 2 | SAL POLA | 1 260 | 1 | 1 | SAL RETI | 0 040 | 1 | 0 |
| ALE OCHR | -7 523 | 3 | 3 | ASA CHRY | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | PED LABR | 0 005 | 2 | 1 |
| CLA ARBU | -0 800 | 3 | 3 | CET NIVA | -4 967 | 3 | 3 | CET CUCU | -1 772 | 4 | 4 |
| CLA CHLO | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | CLA RANG | -0 895 | 2 | 2 | CET TLE | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| CLA FLEU | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | CLA COCC | -0 605 | 2 | 2 | CLA STEL | -26 500 | 3 | 3 |
| CLA VERT | 0 0 | 1 | 1 | CLA GOME | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | CLA G. GR | -0 070 | 2 | 2 |
| OAC BERI | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | CLA POLY | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | CLA UNCI | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| PEL APHF | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | OMP VIRG | 0 750 | 1 | 1 | DAC ARCT | -0 170 | 2 | 2 |
| STE SAXA | 0 190 | 1 | 1 | STE TOME | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | PAR SEPA | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| SOIL LITC | 3 595 | 2 | 2 | SAX LICH | 0 010 | 2 | 2 | THA VERM | -0 190 | 1 | 0 |
| DCH GEMI | 0 680 | 2 | 2 | HEPATICS | 2 560 | 2 | 2 | LEC STIG | 0 950 | 2 | 0 |
| POLYT SP | 6 900 | 1 | 1 | AUL TURG | 0 005 | 2 | 2 | MOSS SPP | 0 390 | 4 | 4 |
| CER PURP | 0 0 | 1 | 1 | DICRANOT | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | ORY DCTO | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| OT FLEX | 0 0 | 1 | 1 | OREPANDC | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | DICRAMIM | 0 0 | 1 | 0 |
| HYL BAMS | 0 0 | 1 | 1 | HYP REVO | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | HYL SPLE | 0 005 | 2 | 0 |
| POL COMH | 0 0 | 1 | 1 | POL HYPE | 3 290 | 2 | 2 | POL JUNI | 0 190 | 1 | 0 |
| POL PILI | 6 390 | 1 | 1 | RHA LAMI | 0 0 | 2 | 2 | | | | |

IN CONTROLS BUT NOT IN DISTURBANCES

| SPECIES | COV DIF. | DISIB | CUNTR | SPECIES | COV DIF. | DISIB | CUNTR | SPECIES | COV DIF. | DISIB | CUNTR |
|-----------|----------|-------|-------|----------|----------|-------|-------|----------|----------|-------|-------|
| MIN ARCT | 0 010 | 0 | 1 | SIL ACAC | -0 290 | 0 | 1 | ARN LOUI | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| CAR MICH | 0 100 | 0 | 2 | EMP NICH | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | CAS TETR | -17 010 | 0 | 1 |
| LEO DECU | -0 800 | 0 | 1 | VAC VITI | -1 510 | 0 | 1 | CAL LAPP | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| LYC SELA | -0 025 | 0 | 2 | POL VIVI | -0 040 | 0 | 1 | SAL LANA | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| PEO CAPT | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | PED LABR | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | AGY RIGI | -0 235 | 0 | 4 |
| ALE OCHR | -5 100 | 0 | 1 | ASA CHRY | -2 250 | 0 | 1 | CET ISLA | -2 020 | 0 | 1 |
| CET LAEV | -12 500 | 0 | 1 | CET NIVA | -8 590 | 0 | 1 | CET RICH | -16 500 | 0 | 1 |
| CLA ARBU | -0 640 | 0 | 2 | CLA RANG | -2 585 | 0 | 2 | CLA STEL | -16 500 | 0 | 1 |
| CLA ANAU | -0 640 | 0 | 2 | CLA CHLO | 0 0 | 0 | 2 | CLA COCC | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| CLA G. GR | -0 070 | 0 | 2 | CLA POCI | 0 0 | 0 | 2 | OAC ARCT | -0 195 | 0 | 2 |
| CLA SPP | -0 340 | 0 | 2 | COR DIVE | -0 010 | 0 | 2 | UMB HYPE | -0 480 | 0 | 3 |
| PAR SEPA | 0 190 | 0 | 2 | SPH GLOB | -0 950 | 0 | 2 | SAX LICH | -5 930 | 0 | 2 |
| UMB PROB | 0 887 | 0 | 2 | CRUSTOSE | -1 360 | 0 | 2 | RHI ETHE | -1 360 | 0 | 2 |
| RHIZO SP | -6 165 | 0 | 2 | LEC DMI | -0 650 | 0 | 2 | OCH GEMI | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| RHI INAR | -0 250 | 0 | 3 | AUL TURG | 0 010 | 0 | 3 | DICRAMIM | 0 0 | 0 | 1 |
| HEPATICS | -0 250 | 0 | 3 | | | | | | | | |

1.5 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Gravel Pits (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)

In Cladonia stellaris-Alectoria ochroleuca Tundra (n=5)

in Cladonia stellaris-Alectoria ochroleuca Tundra (n=5)

| SPECIES | CUV DIF | UISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | OISTB | CONTR |
|-----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|-----------|---------|-------|-------|
| BET GLAM | -2 920 | 3 | 3 | OHIR VAS | 0 040 | 1 | 0 | MIN BORE | 0 0 | 1 | 1 |
| CER BEER | 0 040 | 1 | 0 | BETULA | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | MIN ARCT | 0 400 | 2 | 1 |
| MIN BIFL | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | MIN MACR | 0 207 | 3 | 0 | MIN ROSS | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| STELL SP | 0 0 | 1 | 1 | ANT EKNA | 0 010 | 2 | 0 | ANT MOMO | -0 180 | 1 | 0 |
| ARN ALPI | 0 010 | 3 | 0 | APN LOUI | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | ART ART | -0 302 | 4 | 3 |
| PET FRIG | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | PET PALM | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | SEN ATRO | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| SEM LUGE | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | SOL MULT | -0 740 | 1 | 1 | TARAX SP | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| CAR BELL | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | JUN MORE | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | CAREX SP | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| CAR GLAC | 0 090 | 1 | 0 | CAR MICH | 0 140 | 4 | 4 | CAR POOD | 4 090 | 1 | 0 |
| CEU VAGI | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | EMP NIGR | 0 005 | 4 | 2 | ECU ARVE | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| CEU SCIR | -0 180 | 1 | 1 | AMU POLI | 0 005 | 4 | 2 | ARC ALPI | -0 897 | 3 | 2 |
| CAS TETR | 5 667 | 3 | 3 | LED DECU | -0 306 | 5 | 5 | LEC GROE | 0 010 | 2 | 0 |
| OST PROC | 0 010 | 3 | 3 | RIO LAPP | 0 005 | 4 | 2 | VAC ULIG | -1 082 | 4 | 4 |
| VAC VITI | -1 573 | 3 | 3 | GIN GLAU | 0 0 | 1 | 1 | CAL LAPP | 0 005 | 2 | 1 |
| FES ALTA | -4 530 | 1 | 0 | FES BPAC | 0 040 | 1 | 0 | HIE ALPS | -1 280 | 2 | 1 |
| POA ALPH | 0 250 | 1 | 0 | POA ARCT | 0 075 | 2 | 0 | TRIS SPIC | 0 140 | 1 | 0 |
| LUZ CONF | 0 375 | 4 | 2 | LUZ SPIC | -0 080 | 1 | 1 | TOF COCC | -0 060 | 4 | 2 |
| LYC ARHD | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | LUC CLAV | 0 080 | 1 | 0 | LYC SELA | -0 030 | 1 | 1 |
| LYC AMU | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | EPI LATI | 4 330 | 1 | 1 | BOI LUNA | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| LYC GLAU | 0 010 | 2 | 0 | AMM MARI | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | DXY OTIGY | -0 330 | 1 | 1 |
| LYC VIVI | 0 010 | 2 | 1 | PYRUL SP | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | AME PARV | 0 0 | 1 | 1 |
| OHY INTIE | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | DHY OCTO | -5 750 | 2 | 2 | POT ELEG | 1 705 | 2 | 1 |
| POI UNIF | 0 315 | 2 | 0 | POP BAL | 0 010 | 2 | 2 | SAL ALAX | 2 190 | 5 | 1 |
| SAL ALAX | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | SAL PLAN | 0 040 | 4 | 1 | SAL AX | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| SAL UNFO | -2 210 | 2 | 1 | PAR MIZ | 0 0 | 1 | 1 | SAL AX | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| SAL UNFO | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | PID LAMA | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | SAE OCHR | -10 790 | 4 | 1 |
| USA GURY | -2 210 | 1 | 1 | CEI COCU | -2 607 | 4 | 0 | CEI ERIC | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| ET ISLA | -1 860 | 1 | 1 | CEI LAEV | -6 240 | 2 | 1 | CEI NIWA | -5 050 | 3 | 3 |
| ET RICH | -1 860 | 1 | 1 | CEI TITL | 0 040 | 1 | 0 | CLA ARBU | 0 0 | 1 | 1 |
| LA SHEL | -23 JSS | 2 | 2 | CLAOD SP | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | CLA COCC | 0 290 | 1 | 0 |
| LA CORN | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | CLA FURC | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | CLA G DI | 0 250 | 1 | 0 |
| LA META | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | CLA PLEU | 0 040 | 1 | 0 | CLA PYKT | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| LA UNCT | 0 010 | 2 | 1 | OAC ARCT | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | DAC BLRI | -0 940 | 1 | 1 |
| VAR SEPA | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | STE APHT | -1 200 | 1 | 1 | PEL CANI | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| EL RUFU | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | SIE ALPI | 0 080 | 1 | 0 | SIE PASC | 0 100 | 2 | 0 |
| TE SARA | 0 190 | 3 | 2 | SIE TOME | 0 340 | 1 | 0 | IHA SUBU | 0 010 | 2 | 0 |
| HA VERM | -0 170 | 3 | 2 | TOM LOBU | 0 020 | 1 | 0 | SOIL LEC | 0 533 | 3 | 1 |
| LA LICH | 2 667 | 4 | 3 | LEC JUNA | 0 243 | 3 | 3 | POLY SP | 2 390 | 2 | 0 |
| EC MACR | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | MUSS SPP | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | DRE UNCI | 0 010 | 2 | 0 |
| UL TURG | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | CER PUMP | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | RHA CANE | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| OG ALPI | 0 0 | 1 | 0 | POL JUNE | 2 540 | 3 | 1 | | | | |
| LA LANJ | -0 065 | 2 | 2 | POG DENT | 0 0 | 1 | 0 | | | | |

----- ADVANCES IN CONTROL AND DISTURBANCES

| SPECIES | CUV DIF | DISTB | COMR | SPECIES | CDV DIF | DISTB | COMR | SPECIES | CDV DIF | DISTB | COMR |
|-------------|---------|-------|------|-----------|---------|-------|------|-----------|---------|-------|------|
| BET GLAN | 5 840 | 0 | 2 | SIL ACAR | -0 750 | 0 | 2 | SIE LAET | -0 500 | 0 | 1 |
| ARN LOUJ | 0 010 | 0 | 1 | CAR MICH | -1 660 | 0 | 1 | CAR PODO | -0 530 | 0 | 1 |
| CAR SCIR | -1 510 | 0 | 1 | CAR VAGE | -0 140 | 0 | 1 | ARC ALPI | -0 530 | 0 | 2 |
| CAS TEIR | 0 010 | 0 | 1 | VAC ULTO | -0 600 | 0 | 1 | VAC VITE | 0 010 | 0 | 2 |
| HIE ALPI | -2 580 | 0 | 1 | HED ALPT | 0 010 | 0 | 1 | 2YO ELEG | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| LYC SELA | -0 025 | 0 | 2 | PAP KEEL | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | THA GLAU | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| POL ACUF | 0 010 | 0 | 1 | POL VIVI | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | THA ALPT | -0 010 | 0 | 2 |
| PORY SYLV | 4 250 | 0 | 1 | PUR FRUT | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | SAL BARB | -4 090 | 0 | 1 |
| SAL LANIA | 0 010 | 0 | 1 | SAX HIER | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | PED CAPI | -0 075 | 0 | 2 |
| PEU LABR | 0 010 | 0 | 1 | PLD SUDE | -0 190 | 0 | 1 | AGY RIGI | -0 235 | 0 | 4 |
| ASA CMRY | -0 700 | 0 | 1 | CTT GUCU | -0 650 | 0 | 1 | CEY ISLA | -4 827 | 0 | 3 |
| CEI NIVA | -7 870 | 0 | 2 | CET RICH | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | CLA ARBU | -0 640 | 0 | 1 |
| CLA MIII | -9 510 | 0 | 1 | CIA RANG | -2 432 | 0 | 2 | CLA STEL | -10 813 | 0 | 2 |
| CLA ANAU | -0 320 | 0 | 2 | CLA GONE | -0 005 | 0 | 4 | CLA CHLO | 0 0 | 0 | 2 |
| CLA CUCC | -0 305 | 0 | 1 | CLA META | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | CLA OTI | -3 410 | 0 | 1 |
| CLA GR | -0 832 | 0 | 5 | CLA SHIBU | 0 0 | 0 | 1 | CLA PIYVL | 0 0 | 0 | 1 |
| CLA POCI | 0 0 | 0 | 3 | COR OIVE | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | DAC UNCL | -0 600 | 0 | 1 |
| CLA SPP | -0 937 | 0 | 2 | PAR MYPE | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | SPH GLOB | -0 195 | 0 | 4 |
| PAR SEPA | -0 190 | 0 | 3 | UMB MIRA | -0 750 | 0 | 1 | UMB PRUB | -0 800 | 0 | 1 |
| UMB HYPE | 0 453 | 0 | 3 | SAX LICR | -2 250 | 0 | 1 | RHTZD SP | -0 980 | 0 | 2 |
| CRUSTOSE | -8 950 | 0 | 1 | RHT EUPE | -1 360 | 0 | 1 | RHT INAR | -4 823 | 0 | 3 |
| RHT WTPA | 1 360 | 0 | 1 | LFC DEMI | -0 650 | 0 | 1 | BUE PAPI | 0 0 | 0 | 2 |
| CHU GEUG | 0 0 | 0 | 1 | HEPATICS | -0 045 | 0 | 4 | MOSS SPP | -0 215 | 0 | 2 |
| UCHI GEMT | 0 010 | 0 | 2 | CHU LLIR | 0 0 | 0 | 1 | DICGRATIM | 0 0 | 0 | 2 |
| AMU TURG | 0 010 | 0 | 1 | HVL SPIE | 0 0 | 0 | 1 | PIT CHIS | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| DIC ELON | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| LANIA LANIA | 0 0 | 0 | 1 | | | | | | | | |

1.4 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Bulldozer Tracks (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)

Cladonia stellaris-Alectoria ochroleuca Tundra (n=1)

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IN CONTROLS BUT NOT IN DISTURBANCES - - -

| SPECIES | CUV OFF | DISTB | CUNIR | SPECIES | CUV UFF | OISIB | CONIR | SPECIES | CUV OFF | OISIB | CUNIR |
|----------|----------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|-----------|---------|-------|-------|
| CAS TETR | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | LYC SELA | 0 010 | 0 | 1 | AGV RIGI | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| ALE OCHR | -10 \$40 | 0 | 1 | CET TSLA | -1 460 | 0 | 1 | CET NIYA | -7 050 | 0 | 1 |
| CLA COYC | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | CLA UHCL | -1 460 | 0 | 1 | UMB HYPE | 1 260 | 0 | 1 |
| UMB PROB | -1 260 | 0 | 1 | SAX LICH | -8 350 | 0 | 1 | RIH ZU SP | -7 790 | 0 | 1 |
| RIH INAR | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | RIA TANJ | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | | | | |

J.1 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Roads (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)

In Dryas Integrifolia-Cassiope Tetragona Tundra (n=8)

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR |
|-----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| BET GLAN | 0 0 | 1 | 1 | CER BIER | 0 070 | 1 | 0 | MEL APET | 0 0 | 2 | 2 |
| MIN ARCT | 0 257 | 6 | 3 | MIN R EL | 0 070 | 5 | 2 | MIN ROSS | 1 980 | 1 | 1 |
| MIN RUBR | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | SIL ACAP | -1 806 | 5 | 5 | STELL SP | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| STE LAET | 0 010 | 2 | 0 | STE MONA | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | ANT DEMS | 0 010 | 2 | 0 |
| ANT MOHO | -0 010 | 1 | 0 | ARN ALPI | -0 240 | 3 | 1 | ART ARCT | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| CHR INTE | -0 010 | 2 | 1 | PET HYPE | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | SEN CYMB | -0 077 | 2 | 2 |
| SUL MULT | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | BRA PURP | 0 160 | 5 | 1 | DRA CORY | -0 495 | 4 | 2 |
| DRA LACT | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | EUT EDWA | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | PAR MDOI | 0 005 | 2 | 1 |
| CAR AFU | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | CAR GYND | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | CAR GLAC | 0 030 | 3 | 0 |
| CAR MEMB | 0 006 | 5 | 2 | CAR MICH | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | CAR MISA | -0 210 | 2 | 1 |
| CAR PETR | -3 140 | 2 | 2 | CAR RUPE | -17 990 | 2 | 2 | CAR SCIR | -2 580 | 3 | 3 |
| ERI ANCU | 0 003 | 4 | 3 | EMP NIGR | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | EDU PALU | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| EDI VARI | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | ARC ALPI | 0 003 | 2 | 2 | RHD LAPP | -0 790 | 2 | 2 |
| ARC LATI | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | UES CRES | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | ELY INNO | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| FES ALTA | 0 005 | 2 | 1 | PES BRAC | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | POA SP | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| POA ALPN | 0 010 | 2 | 0 | FOS ARCT | 0 090 | 1 | 0 | PDA GLAU | 1 525 | 2 | 0 |
| IRS SPIC | 0 087 | 3 | 1 | JUN BALI | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | JUN BTGL | 0 005 | 2 | 1 |
| JUN CASI | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | JUN ALBE | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | LUZ NIVA | 0 0 | 1 | 1 |
| HED MACK | -1 250 | 2 | 2 | OXY JORD | 0 0 | 1 | 1 | OXY NIGR | -0 080 | 1 | 1 |
| OAY SHEL | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | LLO SERO | 0 040 | 2 | 0 | IDF PUSI | -0 352 | 2 | 3 |
| EPI LATI | 0 010 | 2 | 1 | PAP KEEL | 0 395 | 2 | 2 | PIC GLAU | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| ARM MARI | 0 080 | 1 | 1 | OXY DIGY | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | POL VIVI | -0 638 | 5 | 4 |
| AND CHAM | -0 033 | 6 | 3 | PVR SECU | 0 0 | 1 | 1 | ANE PARV | 0 002 | 3 | 2 |
| ONY DRUM | 0 010 | 2 | 0 | POT FRUT | -38 677 | 8 | 8 | OXY SYLV | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| POT BIFL | -3 905 | 4 | 3 | POT FRUT | 0 005 | 4 | 2 | POT HYPA | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| POP BALB | 0 010 | 2 | 0 | SAL ALAX | 7 033 | 7 | 3 | SAL ARBU | 0 010 | 6 | 0 |
| SAL ARCT | -0 793 | 6 | 3 | SAL DDOG | 0 007 | 4 | 2 | SAL GLAU | 0 017 | 4 | 0 |
| SAL MARI | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | SAL POLA | 0 040 | 1 | 1 | SAL A XP | 0 453 | 3 | 2 |
| SAL UPPO | -0 930 | 5 | 4 | PAR PALU | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | SAX ATZO | 0 060 | 3 | 3 |
| PEO CAPT | -0 621 | 7 | 6 | CASST SP | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | CAS CAUD | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| IER ALGA | 0 800 | 1 | 0 | PEO LANA | 0 013 | 3 | 2 | PED SHOE | 0 0 | 2 | 2 |
| CET NIWA | -0 280 | 1 | 0 | CEI TITL | -7 090 | 1 | 1 | CET CUCU | -4 430 | 1 | 1 |
| DAC RAMU | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | PEL RUIE | -0 560 | 3 | 3 | DAC ARCT | -0 330 | 1 | 1 |
| SOIL LITC | 0 840 | 3 | 1 | MOSS SPP | -6 283 | 3 | 3 | CRUSTOSE | 0 140 | 1 | 0 |
| BRYUM SP | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | BRY PSEU | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | ABI ABIE | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| CAM STEL | 0 010 | 2 | 0 | CER PURP | 0 0 | 1 | 0 | CAM S AR | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| HYP BAMB | 0 0 | 3 | 3 | CER PURP | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | DRE REVO | 0 0 | 1 | 1 |
| TET MNTD | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | TOM NITE | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | POHILA | 0 010 | 1 | 1 |
| LES RADT | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | | 0 0 | 1 | 1 | TDR TONI | 0 0 | 1 | 0 |

----- IN CONTROLS BUT NOT IN DISTURBANCES -----

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| BET GLAN | -0 010 | 0 | 2 | MIN ARCT | -0 700 | 0 | 1 | MIN R EL | -0 140 | 0 | 2 |
| SIL ACAP | -1 130 | 0 | 3 | ARN ALPI | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | CHR INTE | -0 020 | 0 | 3 |
| SAU ANGU | -0 053 | 0 | 3 | SEN ALBO | -0 025 | 0 | 2 | SEN LUCE | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| BRA PURP | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | CAR BELL | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | PAR MDOI | -0 020 | 0 | 3 |
| CAR AFU | -0 380 | 0 | 2 | CAR CAPT | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | CAR MEMB | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| CAR MISA | -1 303 | 0 | 3 | CAR PETR | -0 345 | 0 | 2 | CAR PUOD | -14 500 | 0 | 1 |
| ERI ANCU | -11 755 | 0 | 2 | ERT CAIL | -2 395 | 0 | 4 | CAR VAGT | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| KOB STMP | -0 758 | 0 | 5 | EQU VARI | -0 250 | 0 | 1 | KOB MYOS | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| RHO LAPP | -1 453 | 0 | 3 | CAS TETR | -0 940 | 0 | 2 | AND POLI | -0 315 | 0 | 4 |
| JUN ALBE | -0 140 | 0 | 3 | VAC ULIC | -2 916 | 0 | 5 | LED GROE | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| TRI MARI | -0 010 | 0 | 3 | LUZ NIVA | -0 600 | 0 | 1 | JUN BTGL | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| OXY SP | -0 190 | 0 | 2 | AST UMRE | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | LED ALPI | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| TOI PUST | -0 125 | 0 | 4 | LYC NIGR | -0 090 | 0 | 1 | RED ALPI | -0 170 | 0 | 3 |
| PAP KEEL | -0 010 | 0 | 2 | PIC GLAU | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | PIN VULG | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| POL VIVI | -0 100 | 0 | 2 | LYC SELA | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | BOT LUNA | -0 010 | 0 | 2 |
| PYR ASAR | -0 010 | 0 | 5 | AND PARV | -0 010 | 0 | 2 | AND CHAM | -0 035 | 0 | 2 |
| POT BIFL | -3 470 | 0 | 2 | POT FRUT | -0 010 | 0 | 3 | THA ALPI | -0 316 | 0 | 8 |
| SAL POIA | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | SAL RETI | -0 010 | 0 | 3 | SAL DDOG | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| PEO CAPT | -1 576 | 0 | 5 | PEU LANA | -0 097 | 0 | 3 | SAX HIRC | -0 010 | 0 | 2 |
| PEO SUOE | -0 075 | 0 | 7 | ALE OCHR | -3 062 | 0 | 5 | PED ARCT | -0 040 | 0 | 1 |
| CET CUCU | -3 327 | 0 | 6 | CET UELI | -1 360 | 0 | 1 | ASA CHMY | -0 650 | 0 | 3 |
| CET ISLA | -2 207 | 0 | 2 | CET LAEV | -0 500 | 0 | 3 | CET ENIC | -0 010 | 0 | 3 |
| CET PTIA | -0 010 | 0 | 5 | CET RICH | -0 180 | 0 | 1 | CET NIWA | -0 414 | 0 | 7 |
| CLA ANHU | -0 940 | 0 | 1 | CLA HANG | -0 800 | 0 | 1 | CLA STEL | -0 650 | 0 | 2 |
| CLA ARUM | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | CLA PHYL | 0 0 | 0 | 1 | CLA G GR | -0 100 | 0 | 2 |
| CLA MAJO | 0 0 | 0 | 1 | CLA UNRI | -0 340 | 0 | 1 | CLA PUCI | -0 227 | 0 | 6 |
| CLA PYKE | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | | | | | CLA SPP | -0 340 | 0 | 1 |

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1.6 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Pit Access Roads (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)

In Cladonia stellaris-Alectoria ochroleuca Tundra (n=1)

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| BET GLAN | -7 580 | 1 | 0 | MIN MACR | 6 390 | 1 | 0 |
| ARN ALPI | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | CAM NICH | 1 120 | 1 | 1 |
| CAR PUOD | 1 310 | 1 | 0 | EMP NIGR | -2 690 | 1 | 1 |
| CAS TETR | 0 0 | 1 | 0 | RHO LAPP | 0 0 | 1 | 1 |
| VAC ULIC | 0 0 | 1 | 1 | PDA ARCT | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| LUZ CONP | 0 130 | 1 | 1 | TOF PUSI | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| LYC SELA | -0 030 | 1 | 1 | POI ELEG | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| POT RUBR | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | ASA CHRY | -3 490 | 1 | 1 |
| SAL RETI | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | CET NIWA | -6 860 | 1 | 1 |
| CET CUCU | -3 930 | 1 | 1 | STE PASC | 0 190 | 1 | 0 |
| CLA STEL | -21 910 | 1 | 1 | POI LITC | 4 900 | 1 | 0 |
| THA VERM | -0 240 | 1 | 1 | POLY SP | 4 590 | 1 | 0 |
| LEC STIG | 3 050 | 1 | 0 | CUN TLTR | 0 0 | 1 | 1 |
| AUL TORG | 0 0 | 1 | 0 | PUG UENI | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| PUG ALPI | 0 0 | 1 | 0 | | | | |

----- IN CONTROLS BUT NOT IN DISTURBANCES -----

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| HEE ALPI | -2 580 | 0 | 1 | CET ISLA | -11 000 | 0 | 1 |
| CLA RANG | -3 610 | 0 | 1 | CLA GOME | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| CLA G GR | -0 600 | 0 | 1 | CLA POST | 0 0 | 0 | 1 |
| CLA UNCI | -0 600 | 0 | 1 | OAC ARCT | -0 250 | 0 | 1 |
| SAX LICH | -2 250 | 0 | 1 | RHI INAR | 0 0 | 0 | 1 |
| HEPATICS | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | PIL CRIS | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |

1.7 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Oil Spills (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)

In Cladonia stellaris-Alectoria ochroleuca Tundra (n=1)

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| BET GLAN | -5 300 | 1 | 1 | CAR MICH | 0 0 | 1 | 1 | CAS TETR | -17 000 | 1 | 1 |
| VAC VITI | -1 500 | 1 | 1 | LUZ CONP | 0 0 | 1 | 1 | SAL PLAM | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| UCH ANHU | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | SAX LICH | 0 290 | 1 | 0 | RHI GEDG | 0 0 | 1 | 0 |
| LEC MACR | 0 0 | 1 | 0 | MOSS SPP | -0 490 | 1 | 1 | PUL JUMI | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| RHA CANE | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | DLIGOTRI | 0 0 | 1 | 0 | | | | |

----- IN CONTROLS BUT NOT IN DISTURBANCES -----

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| EMP NIGR | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | ARC ALPI | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | LED DECU | -0 800 | 0 | 1 |
| VAC ULIC | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | CAL LAPP | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | LYC SELA | -0 040 | 0 | 1 |
| SAL LANA | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | PEO LABR | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | AGY RIGI | -0 090 | 0 | 1 |
| ALE OCHR | -5 100 | 0 | 1 | CET CUCU | 3 610 | 0 | 1 | CET ISLA | -2 020 | 0 | 1 |
| CET NIWA | -8 500 | 0 | 1 | CLA ARBU | -0 640 | 0 | 1 | CLA RANG | -4 070 | 0 | 1 |
| CIA STEL | -11 000 | 0 | 1 | CLA AMAU | -0 640 | 0 | 1 | CLA LUCG | -1 210 | 0 | 1 |
| CLA G GR | -0 140 | 0 | 1 | COR OLVE | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | OAC ARCT | 0 250 | 0 | 1 |
| PAR SELA | 0 190 | 0 | 1 | UMI HYPE | -0 030 | 0 | 1 | UMI PROB | -0 700 | 0 | 1 |
| CRUSTOSE | 8 950 | 0 | 1 | RHI RIPA | -1 360 | 0 | 1 | RHI EUPE | -1 360 | 0 | 1 |
| LEC OMT | -0 650 | 0 | 1 | HEPATICS | 0 0 | 0 | 1 | DICHAMUM | 0 0 | 0 | 1 |
| RHA LAMU | 0 0 | 0 | 1 | | | | | | | | |

In Dryas integrifolia-Cassiope tetragona Tundra (n=5)

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR |
|-----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| BET GLAN | 0.0 | 2 | 2 | ARE MJMI | 0.140 | 1 | 0 | MEL APET | 0.003 | 3 | 2 |
| MIN ROSS | -0.150 | 2 | 2 | MIN BIFL | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | MIN R EL | 0.352 | 4 | 3 |
| MIN ROSS | 0.200 | 1 | 0 | MIN RUE | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | SIL ACU | -0.572 | 4 | 4 |
| SIE LONG | 0.250 | 1 | 0 | ANT DEN | 3.460 | 1 | 0 | ANT ENMA | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| ANT MOHO | 0.010 | 2 | 0 | ARN ALPI | 0.715 | 2 | 1 | ARI ARCT | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| CHIR INIE | 0.560 | 1 | 1 | ERI MJMI | 0.140 | 1 | 0 | SAU ANGU | 0.0 | 1 | 1 |
| SEN ATRO | 0.0 | 1 | 1 | SEN LUGE | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | SEM CYMB | -0.193 | 2 | 2 |
| SOL MALT | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | BRP PUMP | 0.077 | 4 | 0 | DRA CORY | 0.600 | 1 | 0 |
| ORA LACT | 0.040 | 1 | 0 | EUT EDVA | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | LES ARCT | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| PAR MJOI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | CAR GLAC | 0.785 | 2 | 0 | CAR MEMB | 3.167 | 3 | 3 |
| CAR MISA | -0.410 | 3 | 2 | CAR PETR | -2.500 | 1 | 1 | CAR PODO | -13.850 | 1 | 1 |
| KOB SIMP | -13.075 | 2 | 2 | CAR SCIR | -1.080 | 5 | 5 | ERI ANGU | 4.197 | 3 | 3 |
| AND PUL | -0.093 | 3 | 3 | EQU VARI | 0.010 | 1 | 1 | EQU VARI | -0.480 | 2 | 1 |
| AND LAPP | -0.790 | 1 | 1 | ARC ALPI | 0.0 | 1 | 1 | CAS TETR | -9.500 | 1 | 1 |
| FES BRAC | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | VAC SP | -7.265 | 2 | 2 | ELY INNO | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| TRIS SPIC | 0.125 | 2 | 1 | JUN BGL | 0.030 | 1 | 1 | POA ALPN | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| LUS NIVA | -0.295 | 2 | 2 | LUN PARV | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | HED ALPI | -0.190 | 1 | 0 |
| HEU MACK | 0.475 | 2 | 2 | OXYTR SP | 0.100 | 1 | 1 | DRY NIGR | -0.050 | 1 | 1 |
| PIN VULG | 0.0 | 2 | 2 | LLO SERO | 0.017 | 4 | 0 | TOF PUSI | -0.455 | 2 | 2 |
| EPI LAIT | 0.010 | 3 | 0 | PAP KEEL | 0.0 | 2 | 2 | ARM MARL | 0.0 | 1 | 1 |
| OXY DICV | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | FOI BIST | -0.460 | 2 | 2 | PUL VIVI | -0.432 | 4 | 4 |
| AND CHAM | 0.130 | 6 | 4 | PYP ASAR | 0.0 | 1 | 1 | ANE PARV | -0.170 | 4 | 3 |
| THA ALPI | -0.123 | 3 | 3 | DRY INIE | -36.004 | 5 | 5 | PUL BIFL | -4.067 | 4 | 4 |
| SAL ARHU | 0.200 | 3 | 0 | POP BALS | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | SAL ALAR | 3.240 | 4 | 2 |
| SAL GLAU | 0.150 | 2 | 0 | SAL ARCT | -1.027 | 3 | 1 | SAL ODOG | -0.020 | 2 | 1 |
| PAR PALU | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | SAX ALZO | 1.817 | 3 | 3 | SAL RETI | -1.045 | 4 | 4 |
| PEO SUDE | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | PEO CAPL | 0.017 | 3 | 1 | SAX OPPO | 0.770 | 3 | 3 |
| CET RICH | -0.030 | 4 | 2 | CET CUCC | -1.650 | 1 | 1 | PEO LANA | 0.740 | 1 | 1 |
| SOLARINA | 0.010 | 1 | 1 | SOL BISP | -1.040 | 1 | 1 | CET NIVA | -0.280 | 1 | 1 |
| HEPATIC | -2.715 | 2 | 2 | SAX LICH | -1.400 | 2 | 2 | THA SUBU | 0.0 | 1 | 0 |
| BRY PSEU | 0.005 | 2 | 0 | MOSS SPP | -3.262 | 5 | 5 | BRYUM SP | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| ORI CHVS | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | ORE REVO | 0.007 | 3 | 0 | DICRAMUM | 0.0 | 1 | 0 |
| TOR TORT | 0.0 | 2 | 0 | DRF STRI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | HYP BAMB | 0.0 | 3 | 3 |
| | | | | TOR RURA | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | TOM NITE | 0.0 | 1 | 0 |

IN CONTROLS BUT NOT IN DISTURBANCES

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR |
|-----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|-----------|---------|-------|-------|
| BET GLAN | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | SIL ACU | -1.360 | 0 | 1 | CHIR INIE | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| SAU ANGU | 0.140 | 0 | 1 | SEN ATRO | 0.010 | 0 | 1 | CAR BELL | 0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| DRA CORY | 0.010 | 0 | 1 | PAR MJMI | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | CAR ATFU | 0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| CAR PETR | -1.670 | 0 | 2 | ARC RUPE | -1.660 | 0 | 1 | KOB SIMP | -0.950 | 0 | 1 |
| LLU GRUE | -0.010 | 0 | 2 | RHO LAPP | -0.405 | 0 | 2 | CAS TETR | -0.405 | 0 | 4 |
| GEN PHOP | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | PES ALTA | -0.010 | 0 | 2 | VAC ULIG | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| JUN AIDL | 0.140 | 0 | 1 | LUZ PARV | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | AST UMRE | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| OXYTR SP | -0.190 | 0 | 1 | OXY JORU | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | DRY NIGR | -0.090 | 0 | 1 |
| PAP KEEL | -0.275 | 0 | 2 | LVC SETA | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | BOI LUNA | 0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| PYP ASAR | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | PIC GLAU | -0.010 | 0 | 2 | POL VIVI | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| POT BIFL | 6.190 | 0 | 4 | PYP SECU | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | THA ALPI | -0.315 | 0 | 2 |
| SAL A XP | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | SAL ALAX | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | SAX POLA | 0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| SAX OPPO | 0.750 | 0 | 1 | PEO CAPL | -2.493 | 0 | 3 | PEO LANA | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| PEO ARCT | -0.040 | 0 | 1 | ALE OCHN | -5.475 | 0 | 4 | ASA CHRY | -0.600 | 0 | 2 |
| CET CUCC | -2.257 | 0 | 1 | CET ERIC | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | CET LSLA | -1.575 | 0 | 2 |
| CET LAEV | -0.500 | 0 | 1 | CET NIVA | -0.710 | 0 | 4 | CET PINA | -0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| CET RICH | -0.250 | 0 | 2 | CET TITE | -0.817 | 0 | 4 | CLA ARBU | -0.130 | 0 | 3 |
| CLA RANG | -0.800 | 0 | 1 | CLA STEL | -0.650 | 0 | 2 | CLA ACUM | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| CLA G GR | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | CLA PUCH | -0.337 | 0 | 4 | CLA UMCL | -0.340 | 0 | 1 |
| COR DIVE | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | DAC ARCT | -1.062 | 0 | 5 | OCH ULIG | -0.050 | 0 | 2 |
| LEC EPIB | -0.647 | 0 | 3 | LEC URCE | -1.970 | 0 | 1 | POL SENO | -1.920 | 0 | 2 |
| PEL APHI | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | PEL CANI | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | SDIL LICH | -1.460 | 0 | 1 |
| SOL BISP | -0.090 | 0 | 3 | THA SUBU | -1.177 | 0 | 4 | VER MURA | 0.0 | 0 | 1 |
| SAX LICH | -0.250 | 0 | 1 | RIN MOSI | -0.800 | 0 | 2 | ENCALYPT | 0.0 | 0 | 1 |
| LEC STIG | 0.0 | 0 | 3 | HEPATIC | 0.0 | 0 | 2 | CRY HYME | 0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| ULIRICHA | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | HVL FLEX | -0.010 | 0 | 2 | DREPANDC | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| ORE REVO | 0.010 | 0 | 1 | HYP PRUC | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | HYP REVO | 0.0 | 0 | 1 |
| ORI CHVS | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | PUL STRI | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | RHA LARU | 0.007 | 0 | 3 |
| RHY RINGO | -0.010 | 0 | 3 | TOM NITE | -0.003 | 0 | 3 | THA ARCT | -0.005 | 0 | 2 |
| ENC ALPI | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | FIS USMU | -0.010 | 0 | 2 | SCHISTIO | 0.0 | 0 | 1 |

J.2 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between False Start Roads (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)

In Dryas integrifolia-Cassiope tetragona Tundra (n=2)

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR |
|-----------|---------|-------|-------|-----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| BET GLAN | -2.130 | 1 | 1 | MEL APET | 0.140 | 1 | 0 | MIN ARCT | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| MIN R EL | 0.090 | 2 | 0 | SIL ACU | -0.740 | 1 | 0 | SIE LAEI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| ANTEN SP | 0.040 | 1 | 0 | ARN ALPI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | ARN LESS | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| CHIR INIE | 3.000 | 1 | 0 | SEN LUGE | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | SOL MINT | 0.0 | 1 | 0 |
| BRP PUMP | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | BRA RICH | -0.515 | 2 | 1 | PAR MJOI | 0.0 | 1 | 0 |
| CAR MISA | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | CAR GLAC | -4.570 | 2 | 2 | CAR MEMB | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| EQU VARI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | ARC ALPI | -7.670 | 1 | 1 | ELY INNO | 0.0 | 1 | 1 |
| POA GLAU | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | LLO SERO | 0.100 | 2 | 0 | JUN ALBE | -0.960 | 1 | 1 |
| ZYG ELEG | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | EPI ANGU | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | TOF POST | 0.200 | 2 | 2 |
| AND CHAM | -0.035 | 2 | 2 | PYRUL SP | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | ANE PARV | -0.265 | 2 | 2 |
| THA ALPI | 0.0 | 1 | 1 | DRY INIE | -4.400 | 2 | 2 | DRY SYLV | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| SAL ARCT | 0.005 | 2 | 1 | SAL ALAX | 11.480 | 2 | 0 | SAL ARBU | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| SAL RETI | 0.015 | 2 | 2 | SAX ALZO | 0.130 | 1 | 1 | SAL POLA | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| POLYB SP | -0.860 | 1 | 1 | SOIL ALZO | 0.190 | 2 | 0 | SAX OPPO | -1.685 | 2 | 2 |
| DIT FLEX | 0.005 | 2 | 0 | MOSS SPP | 0.0 | 2 | 2 | SAX LICH | -5.070 | 1 | 0 |
| PLA JUNG | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | ORE REVO | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | BRYUM SP | 0.0 | 1 | 0 |

IN CONTROLS BUT NOT IN DISTURBANCES

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISTB | CONTR |
|-----------|---------|-------|-------|-----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| MIN ROSS | 0.390 | 0 | 1 | SIL ACU | -4.950 | 0 | 1 | ANT DEN | -0.040 | 0 | 1 |
| CHIR INIE | 0.010 | 0 | 1 | CHIR INIE | -0.040 | 0 | 1 | SAU ANGU | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| PAR MJOI | -2.640 | 0 | 2 | PAR MJOI | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | CAR MAND | -1.260 | 0 | 1 |
| CAS TETR | -11.260 | 0 | 2 | ERI ANGU | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | AND POLI | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| PES ALTA | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | RHO LAPP | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | PIN VULG | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| LLU SERO | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | OXYTR SP | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | PAP KEEL | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| DRY OCTO | -1.810 | 0 | 1 | TOF PUSI | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | SAL A XP | 0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| PEO CAPL | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | PEO LANA | -0.010 | 0 | 2 | PLO SUDE | -0.075 | 0 | 2 |
| ALE OCHN | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | CET CUCC | -0.010 | 0 | 2 | CET TITE | -0.645 | 0 | 2 |
| CET ERIC | 1.810 | 0 | 2 | CET NIVA | -9.255 | 0 | 1 | CLA PUCH | -6.255 | 0 | 2 |
| CLA ARBU | 0.010 | 0 | 1 | CHAMU SP | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | LEC URCE | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| CLA PYXI | -0.110 | 0 | 2 | OCU ACUI | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | LEC URCE | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| CLA BECI | 0.410 | 0 | 1 | DRA CORY | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | THA SUBU | -0.750 | 0 | 1 |
| PEL CANI | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | SOL BISP | -0.010 | 0 | 2 | SAX LICH | -13.060 | 0 | 1 |
| CLA VERM | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | SOIL LICH | -1.000 | 0 | 1 | HEPATIC | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| HYL SPLE | 0.010 | 0 | 1 | POT INIE | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | HYP BAMB | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| TOM NITE | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | TUR TORT | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | | | | |

J.4 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Bulldozer Tracks (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)
In Dryas integrifolia-Cassiope tetragona Tundra (n=1)

| SPECIES | COV DIF | OISTB | CUNIF | SPECIES | COV DIF | OISTB | CUNIF | SPECIES | COV DIF | OISTB | CUNIF |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| SIL ACU | 0.250 | 1 | 0 | ANT ARCT | 0.250 | 1 | 0 | RHO INTE | 0.250 | 1 | 0 |
| GRAMINEA | 0.250 | 1 | 0 | POT FRUT | 0.250 | 1 | 0 | SAL ALAX | 0.250 | 1 | 0 |

----- IN CONTROLS BUT NOT IN DISTURBANCES -----

| SPECIES | COV DIF | OISTB | CUNIF | SPECIES | COV DIF | OISTB | CUNIF | SPECIES | COV DIF | OISTB | CUNIF |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| OHHR VAS | -10.500 | 0 | 1 | CAS TETR | -50.440 | 0 | 1 | OHY OCTO | -31.000 | 0 | 1 |
| MIS LICH | -3.970 | 0 | 1 | MOSS SPP | -5.150 | 0 | 1 | | | | |

J.5 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Gravel Pits (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)
In Dryas integrifolia-Cassiope tetragona Tundra (n=6)

| SPECIES | COV DIF | OISTB | CUNIF | SPECIES | COV DIF | OISTB | CUNIF | SPECIES | COV DIF | OISTB | CUNIF |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|-----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| OHHR VAS | 0.250 | 1 | 0 | CER BEER | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | MET APET | 0.005 | 3 | 1 |
| MIN ROSS | -0.080 | 5 | 3 | MIN MACH | 0.140 | 1 | 0 | MIN REL | 0.090 | 5 | 2 |
| SIL LONG | 0.040 | 1 | 0 | SIL ACU | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | SIL ACU | 1.095 | 3 | 1 |
| ANT ALPI | 0.167 | 4 | 1 | STE MONA | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | ANT DENS | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| SEN CYMB | -0.085 | 2 | 1 | SOL INTE | 0.140 | 1 | 0 | SEN ATRO | -0.030 | 1 | 0 |
| BRA RICH | 0.300 | 1 | 1 | CER BEEL | 0.030 | 1 | 1 | BRA PURP | 0.020 | 3 | 1 |
| ORA LACI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | PAR MUI | 0.040 | 3 | 3 | CARX SP | 0.040 | 1 | 0 |
| CAR CAP | 0.080 | 1 | 1 | CAR GLAC | -0.400 | 3 | 1 | CAR RUPE | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| CAR MISA | -3.162 | 4 | 4 | KOD SIMP | -0.035 | 2 | 1 | ARC ALPI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| RHO LAPP | -4.370 | 1 | 1 | VAC ULIG | -14.530 | 1 | 1 | VAC VITI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| GEN PROP | 0.040 | 1 | 0 | ARC LATI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | CAL PURP | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| OLS CAPS | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | FES ALTA | 0.003 | 3 | 2 | FES BRAC | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| HIE ALPI | 0.075 | 3 | 0 | POA ALPN | 0.040 | 1 | 0 | HES SPIC | 0.070 | 3 | 1 |
| JUN BALI | 0.040 | 1 | 0 | LUZ NIWA | 0.150 | 1 | 1 | HED MACK | -0.375 | 3 | 1 |
| OHYR SP | 0.0 | 1 | 1 | LLO SERO | 0.030 | 4 | 0 | TOR PUST | 0.130 | 2 | 2 |
| EPT LATI | 1.525 | 3 | 0 | PAP KEEL | 0.0 | 3 | 3 | ARM MARI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| OXY DICT | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | PUL BESI | -0.790 | 1 | 1 | PUL VITI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| OXY CHAM | -0.793 | 6 | 4 | ANE PARV | -0.127 | 4 | 2 | TUA ALPI | -0.333 | 3 | 3 |
| OHY INTE | -3.180 | 6 | 6 | OHY DCTO | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | POT BIFL | -3.100 | 1 | 1 |
| POT FRUT | 0.707 | 3 | 1 | RDS ACTC | 0.075 | 2 | 1 | POT BALG | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| SAL ALAX | 4.173 | 6 | 2 | SAL ANCI | -0.075 | 2 | 1 | SAL UDUG | -0.205 | 2 | 3 |
| SAL PLAN | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | SAL POLA | 0.005 | 3 | 1 | SAL AP | 0.0 | 1 | 1 |
| SAL RETI | -1.563 | 3 | 3 | PAR KOTZ | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | PAR PALU | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| SAX ARZO | 1.402 | 4 | 1 | SAX NIER | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | SAX OPTO | -1.130 | 5 | 4 |
| PED CAP | 0.080 | 1 | 1 | PED LANA | 0.065 | 2 | 2 | PED ARCT | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| PLO SUOE | 0.030 | 1 | 1 | TER ALGA | 0.090 | 3 | 0 | CET CUCU | -3.040 | 2 | 3 |
| CET LAEV | 0.490 | 1 | 0 | CET NIWA | -9.790 | 3 | 3 | CET TITE | -1.040 | 1 | 1 |
| DAC BFIN | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | PEL CHAM | 0.115 | 2 | 0 | POL SEMD | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| TUA SUBU | 6.660 | 1 | 1 | SOLL LICH | 4.585 | 3 | 3 | SAX LICH | -2.520 | 3 | 2 |
| LEC JURA | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | PUL YB SP | 0.700 | 1 | 0 | HEPATICS | 0.0 | 1 | 0 |
| MOSS SPP | 4.708 | 5 | 5 | ABI ABIE | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | CAM SIEL | 0.0 | 1 | 0 |
| DIT FLEX | 0.010 | 1 | 1 | ORE REVO | 0.040 | 1 | 1 | POM HYGR | 0.0 | 1 | 0 |
| HYP BANU | 0.010 | 1 | 1 | PUG ALPI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | TET ANTO | 0.0 | 1 | 0 |
| TET PARA | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | TOM NITE | -0.010 | 1 | 1 | TOR FRAG | 0.0 | 1 | 0 |
| TOR TURT | 0.015 | 3 | 0 | | | | | | | | |

J.5 continued

----- IN CONTROLS BUT NOT IN DISTURBANCES -----

| SPECIES | COV DIF | OISTB | CUNIF | SPECIES | COV DIF | OISTB | CUNIF | SPECIES | COV DIF | OISTB | CUNIF |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|-----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| BET GLAM | -0.720 | 0 | 3 | MIN ROSS | -0.265 | 0 | 2 | SIL ACU | -1.990 | 0 | 4 |
| ANT DENS | -0.040 | 0 | 1 | CHR INTE | -0.025 | 0 | 2 | SAU ANGU | -0.075 | 0 | 3 |
| PAR MUI | -0.010 | 0 | 3 | CAR ATFU | -0.750 | 0 | 1 | CAR MEMB | -0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| CAR MISA | -3.460 | 0 | 1 | CAR RUPE | -1.260 | 0 | 1 | CAR PETR | -0.345 | 0 | 2 |
| CAR P000 | -14.500 | 0 | 1 | ERT ANGU | -6.335 | 0 | 4 | CAR SCIR | -3.560 | 0 | 1 |
| CAR VAGI | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | KOB SIMP | -3.882 | 0 | 2 | EMP NIGR | -0.350 | 0 | 1 |
| KOB MYOS | -0.010 | 0 | 3 | ARC ALPI | -3.835 | 0 | 2 | CAS TETR | -6.568 | 0 | 3 |
| AND PULI | -0.373 | 0 | 1 | RHO LAPP | -0.373 | 0 | 3 | VAC ULIG | -0.010 | 0 | 3 |
| LLD GRUE | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | ELY IMHO | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | JUN BIGH | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| ARC LATI | -0.140 | 0 | 2 | LUZ PARV | -0.190 | 0 | 1 | TRI MARI | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| JUN ALBE | -0.200 | 0 | 1 | OHYR SP | -0.010 | 0 | 3 | LLO SERO | -0.090 | 0 | 1 |
| HED ALPI | -0.350 | 0 | 1 | PIN VULG | -0.010 | 0 | 3 | BOI LUNA | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| OXY SHEL | -0.550 | 0 | 3 | LYC SELA | -0.040 | 0 | 1 | PYR ASAR | -0.010 | 0 | 3 |
| PIC GLAU | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | ANE PARV | -0.040 | 0 | 1 | THA ALPI | -0.357 | 0 | 2 |
| PYR SECU | -1.870 | 0 | 1 | POT BIFL | -3.470 | 0 | 3 | POT FRUT | -0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| OHY DCTO | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | SAL POLA | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | SAL RETI | -1.517 | 0 | 3 |
| SAX ARCT | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | PED CAP | -0.230 | 0 | 3 | PED LANA | -0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| SAX MIRC | -0.053 | 0 | 3 | ALE OCHR | -0.685 | 0 | 2 | ASA CHRY | -0.600 | 0 | 2 |
| PED SUOE | 5.680 | 0 | 3 | CET DELT | -0.303 | 0 | 4 | CET ERIC | -1.810 | 0 | 3 |
| CET CUCU | -3.263 | 0 | 2 | CET NIWA | -3.946 | 0 | 5 | CET PINA | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| CET RICH | -0.575 | 0 | 1 | CLA STEL | -0.650 | 0 | 1 | CLA ARBU | -1.170 | 0 | 3 |
| CLA RANG | -0.800 | 0 | 1 | CLA CINO | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | CEAO SP | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| CLA ACUM | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | CLA PHYL | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | CLA GR | -0.190 | 0 | 1 |
| CLA MAJO | 0.0 | 0 | 3 | CLA UNCI | -0.340 | 0 | 1 | CLA POLI | -0.167 | 0 | 4 |
| CLA PYXI | -0.130 | 0 | 1 | COR OLVE | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | CLAD SPP | -0.340 | 0 | 1 |
| COR ACUL | -0.440 | 0 | 1 | DAC RAMU | -0.037 | 0 | 3 | DAC ARCT | -0.715 | 0 | 4 |
| LEC URCE | -1.335 | 0 | 2 | OCH ULIG | -1.930 | 0 | 1 | LEC EPIB | -0.530 | 0 | 3 |
| PEL CANI | 0.010 | 0 | 2 | SOL BISP | -0.055 | 0 | 6 | PEL APHI | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| TUA VERM | -0.800 | 0 | 1 | SOIL LICH | -1.130 | 0 | 3 | TUA SUBU | -2.455 | 0 | 4 |
| RTM ROST | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | VER MUHA | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | SAX LICH | -9.540 | 0 | 2 |
| POL INTE | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | HEPATICS | -0.003 | 0 | 3 | LEC STIG | -0.047 | 0 | 3 |
| AUL ACUM | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | ENCALYPT | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | MOSS SPP | -0.340 | 0 | 1 |
| CIR CIRR | 0.010 | 0 | 1 | CRY HYME | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | CER PURP | 0.0 | 0 | 1 |
| DIT FLEX | -0.010 | 0 | 3 | DREPANUC | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | ITIRICIA | 0.0 | 0 | 1 |
| HYPMUM | -0.005 | 0 | 3 | HYP BANU | -0.008 | 0 | 5 | HYL SPLE | -0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| HYP REVO | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | MYU JURA | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | HYP PRUC | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| POL STRT | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | RHA LAMU | -0.005 | 0 | 2 | ORT CRYS | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| TOM NITE | 0.0 | 0 | 3 | TOR ANCT | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | RHY RUGO | -0.003 | 0 | 3 |
| TOR TURT | 0.0 | 0 | 3 | LHC ALPI | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | TOR FRAG | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |

J.6 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Pit Access Roads (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)
In *Dryas integrifolia*-*Cassiope tetragona* Tundra (n=2)

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|------|-------|----------|---------|------|-------|
| BET GLAN | 0 0 | 1 | 1 | MIN R EL | -0 050 | 2 | 2 |
| SIL ACU | -1 350 | 1 | 1 | ARN ALPI | 0 140 | 1 | 0 |
| AST SIBI | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | SOL MALT | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| BRA PURP | 0 250 | 1 | 0 | CAR CAPT | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| CAR GLAC | -0 740 | 1 | 0 | CAR ATFU | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| CAR SCIR | 1 640 | 2 | 0 | CAR PEIR | -2 550 | 1 | 1 |
| EMP NIGR | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | KOB MYOS | 0 640 | 1 | 1 |
| ARC ALPI | 0 010 | 2 | 0 | EDU PALU | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| AGP NIGL | 0 010 | 2 | 0 | LEO GROE | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| POA ALPN | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | RYO LAPP | -4 330 | 1 | 1 |
| LLO SEND | 0 030 | 1 | 0 | ELY THMO | 0 010 | 2 | 0 |
| ARM MARH | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | DES CAES | 0 010 | 1 | 1 |
| PRY ASAR | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | TOF PUST | -1 250 | 1 | 1 |
| ORY INTE | -28 325 | 1 | 0 | PUL VIVI | 0 265 | 2 | 0 |
| SAL ALAX | 21 265 | 2 | 1 | AME PARV | 0 005 | 2 | 1 |
| SAL RETI | -2 260 | 2 | 1 | POT FRUT | 0 135 | 2 | 0 |
| SAR OPPO | 5 440 | 2 | 1 | SAL ARBU | 0 010 | 2 | 1 |
| CET NIVA | -1 090 | 1 | 1 | PAR PALU | 0 010 | 1 | 1 |
| MOSS SPP | -15 900 | 1 | 1 | PEO LANA | 0 010 | 2 | 1 |
| | | | | CET TILE | -1 040 | 1 | 1 |
| | | | | SOIL LTC | 0 290 | 1 | 0 |
| | | | | | -0 865 | 2 | 2 |

----- IN CONTROLS BUT NOT IN DISTURBANCES -----

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISB | CONTR |
|-----------|---------|------|-------|-----------|---------|------|-------|
| CAR PETR | -27 500 | 0 | 1 | CAR RUPE | -18 000 | 0 | 1 |
| ERY ANGU | 0 010 | 0 | 1 | ERT CALL | 0 250 | 0 | 1 |
| ANO POLI | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | CAS TETR | 0 800 | 0 | 1 |
| VAC ULIG | -0 390 | 0 | 1 | ARC LATI | 0 140 | 0 | 1 |
| JUN ALBE | -0 150 | 0 | 1 | TRI MARI | 0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| ORY SP | -0 190 | 0 | 1 | ORY NIGR | -0 090 | 0 | 1 |
| TOF PUST | -6 190 | 0 | 1 | PTC GLAU | -0 010 | 0 | 2 |
| PEO LATA | 0 010 | 0 | 1 | SAR HIRC | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| ASA CHRY | 0 600 | 0 | 1 | PED SUDE | -0 010 | 0 | 2 |
| CET NIVA | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | CET PINA | -10 665 | 0 | 2 |
| CET TILE | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | CLA GR | -1 250 | 0 | 2 |
| CLA CHLO | 0 010 | 0 | 1 | CLA ARBU | -0 190 | 0 | 1 |
| CLA MYEL | 0 010 | 0 | 1 | LEC PUCT | -0 325 | 0 | 1 |
| OAC ANCT | -1 560 | 0 | 1 | LEC EPIB | -0 040 | 0 | 1 |
| OLCH ULIG | -1 920 | 0 | 1 | SOL BISP | -0 140 | 0 | 1 |
| VER MURA | 0 010 | 0 | 1 | LEC STIG | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| AUT ACUM | 0 010 | 0 | 1 | CLIR CHIR | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| ULI FLEX | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | HYL SPLE | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| MYU JULA | 0 010 | 0 | 1 | RHA LATA | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| LUM NITE | 0 010 | 0 | 1 | TOR FRAG | 0 010 | 0 | 1 |

J.7 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Oil Spills (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)
In *Dryas integrifolia*-*Cassiope tetragona* Tundra (n=5)

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|------|-------|----------|---------|------|-------|
| MIN R EL | -0 137 | 3 | 3 | ANI DENI | 0 010 | 2 | 0 |
| SEN CYMB | -0 180 | 1 | 1 | SOL MALT | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| CAR A ST | 7 050 | 1 | 0 | CAR CAPT | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| CAR MEMB | -20 630 | 4 | 0 | CAR MISA | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| CAR RUPE | -17 930 | 1 | 1 | CAR SCIR | -3 350 | 3 | 3 |
| ERT CALL | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | KOB MYOS | 0 150 | 2 | 0 |
| EDU SCIR | 0 010 | 2 | 0 | ARC LATI | 0 010 | 2 | 0 |
| RYO LAPP | -0 710 | 2 | 2 | ARC LATI | 0 010 | 2 | 0 |
| IRS SPIC | 0 510 | 1 | 1 | POA SP | 0 010 | 2 | 0 |
| JUN ALBE | 0 075 | 2 | 0 | JUN BALI | 0 682 | 4 | 0 |
| TOF PUST | -0 510 | 2 | 2 | HED MACK | -1 250 | 1 | 1 |
| AME PARV | 0 015 | 2 | 2 | POL VIVI | -0 608 | 3 | 5 |
| POT BIFL | -6 180 | 1 | 1 | THA ALPI | 0 242 | 4 | 4 |
| SAL ALAX | 0 010 | 3 | 3 | PUT FRUT | 0 010 | 2 | 2 |
| SAL RETI | 0 010 | 3 | 3 | SAL ARHU | 0 010 | 2 | 0 |
| CET DEIT | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | PED SUDE | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| LEC EPIB | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | CET TILE | -1 040 | 1 | 1 |
| MOSS SPP | -0 245 | 2 | 2 | THA SUBU | -1 650 | 2 | 2 |
| HYV BAMH | 0 010 | 1 | 1 | BRYUM SP | 0 010 | 2 | 0 |
| TOR ARCT | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | POL JUNI | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| | | | | TOR FRAG | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| | | | | TOR TORT | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |

----- IN CONTROLS BUT NOT IN DISTURBANCES -----

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISB | CONTR |
|-----------|---------|------|-------|----------|---------|------|-------|
| BET GLAN | -0 010 | 0 | 4 | MEL APET | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| MIN R EL | -0 140 | 0 | 2 | SIL ACAL | -1 638 | 0 | 5 |
| CHIR INTE | -0 040 | 0 | 1 | SAL ANGU | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| SEN LUGA | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | CAR ATFU | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| CAR MISA | -0 440 | 0 | 1 | CAR PEIR | -3 150 | 0 | 3 |
| CAR SCIR | -2 510 | 0 | 2 | ERY ANGU | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| CAS TETR | -0 602 | 0 | 4 | AMO PULI | -0 010 | 0 | 4 |
| VAC ULIG | -0 010 | 0 | 4 | LED GROE | -0 010 | 0 | 4 |
| LUZ NIVA | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | GFN PROP | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| ORY NIGR | -1 260 | 0 | 3 | AST UMBE | -0 100 | 0 | 1 |
| PAP NIGL | -0 090 | 0 | 4 | ORY SP | -0 010 | 0 | 4 |
| POL BIST | -0 140 | 0 | 1 | PIC GLAU | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| AME PARV | -0 020 | 0 | 3 | AMO CHAM | -0 010 | 0 | 4 |
| POT BIFL | -5 470 | 0 | 4 | THA ALPI | -0 010 | 0 | 2 |
| SAL A XP | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | POT FRUT | -0 010 | 0 | 2 |
| SAR HIRC | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | SAL RETI | -0 353 | 0 | 5 |
| PEO LATA | -0 010 | 0 | 5 | SAX OPPO | -0 602 | 0 | 5 |
| ALE DHR | -5 682 | 0 | 5 | ASA CHRY | -0 040 | 0 | 5 |
| CET ENIC | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | CET TSLA | -2 442 | 0 | 4 |
| CET PINA | -0 010 | 0 | 5 | CET RICH | -0 208 | 0 | 5 |
| CLA ARBU | -0 154 | 0 | 5 | CLA STEL | -0 650 | 0 | 5 |
| LEC URCE | -0 497 | 0 | 4 | OAC ARCT | -1 920 | 0 | 5 |
| SOL BISP | -0 026 | 0 | 5 | THA SUBU | -1 110 | 0 | 5 |
| VER MURA | 0 010 | 0 | 4 | LEC STIG | -0 140 | 0 | 3 |
| CAM STEL | 0 010 | 0 | 1 | GRY HYME | -0 010 | 0 | 4 |
| HYL SPLE | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | HYV BAMH | -0 008 | 0 | 4 |
| RYO RING | -0 010 | 0 | 3 | FOM NITE | 0 010 | 0 | 4 |
| TOR FRAG | 0 010 | 0 | 3 | SCHISTID | 0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| | | | | FIS OSMU | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |

K.3 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Gravel Pits (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)

In Dryas integrifolia-Carex Species Tundra (n=3)

| SPECIES | COV | DIF | CONTR | SPECIES | COV | DIF | CONTR | SPECIES | COV | DIF | CONTR |
|----------|--------|-------|-------|----------|--------|-------|-------|----------|--------|-------|-------|
| ARE HUMI | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1 | MIN ARCT | -0.030 | 0.010 | 1 | MIN R EL | 0.000 | 0.010 | 1 |
| SIL ACAC | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1 | SEN CYMB | -0.005 | 0.010 | 2 | CHR INTE | -0.495 | 0.010 | 2 |
| CRE NANA | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1 | SEN CYMB | -0.130 | 0.010 | 1 | BRA PURP | 0.005 | 0.010 | 2 |
| BRA RICH | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1 | SEN CYMB | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1 | LES ARCT | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1 |
| PAR MUI | 0.010 | 0.010 | 2 | SME BORE | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1 | CAR GLAC | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1 |
| CAR RUPE | -0.960 | 0.010 | 1 | CAR SCIR | -0.457 | 0.010 | 2 | ARC ALPI | -0.330 | 0.010 | 1 |
| RHO LAPP | -0.330 | 0.010 | 1 | POA SP | -0.030 | 0.010 | 1 | TRC SPIC | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1 |
| JUN ALBE | -0.240 | 0.010 | 1 | HEP ALPI | -0.275 | 0.010 | 2 | ORV JORO | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1 |
| LLO SERO | 0.005 | 0.010 | 2 | TOP COCC | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1 | POL VIVI | -0.380 | 0.010 | 1 |
| EPI LATI | 0.000 | 0.010 | 2 | PAP MEEL | 0.020 | 0.010 | 2 | THA ALPI | -0.097 | 0.010 | 2 |
| AND CHAM | 0.210 | 0.010 | 2 | AME PARV | -0.635 | 0.010 | 2 | POT FRUT | -0.170 | 0.010 | 2 |
| AND CHAM | 0.210 | 0.010 | 2 | AME PARV | -0.635 | 0.010 | 2 | SAL ARBU | 0.010 | 0.010 | 2 |
| PUP BAL | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1 | ORV INTE | -0.980 | 0.010 | 2 | SAL AP | -0.030 | 0.010 | 1 |
| SAL ODUG | -0.155 | 0.010 | 2 | SAL ALPI | 0.010 | 0.010 | 2 | SAX OPPD | -0.233 | 0.010 | 2 |
| SAL RETI | -0.035 | 0.010 | 2 | SAX ALPI | -0.980 | 0.010 | 2 | CET TITL | -0.060 | 0.010 | 2 |
| PED LANA | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1 | CET CUCC | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1 | SOL BLSP | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1 |
| OAC RAMU | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1 | LEC EPIB | -0.010 | 0.010 | 1 | SAX LICH | -0.660 | 0.010 | 1 |
| THA SUBU | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1 | SOL LIC | -0.610 | 0.010 | 1 | | | | |
| MUSS SPP | -0.710 | 0.010 | 2 | | | | | | | | |

IN CONTROLS BUT NOT IN DISTURBANCES

| SPECIES | COV | DIF | CONTR | SPECIES | COV | DIF | CONTR | SPECIES | COV | DIF | CONTR |
|----------|--------|-------|-------|----------|--------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| MIN ARCT | -0.340 | 0.010 | 0 | MIN R EL | -0.190 | 0.010 | 0 | MIN ROSS | -0.010 | 0.010 | 1 |
| SIL ACAC | 0.600 | 0.010 | 0 | AME OMS | -0.010 | 0.010 | 0 | CHR INTE | -0.140 | 0.010 | 1 |
| SEN ATRO | -0.010 | 0.010 | 0 | CAR MEM | -0.050 | 0.010 | 0 | CAR ATFU | -0.010 | 0.010 | 1 |
| CAR CAPT | -0.540 | 0.010 | 0 | CAR MEM | -0.050 | 0.010 | 0 | CAR MCG | -0.010 | 0.010 | 1 |
| CAR MISA | -1.975 | 0.010 | 0 | CAR PODO | -0.700 | 0.010 | 0 | ERI ANGU | -0.500 | 0.010 | 0 |
| KUB SIMP | -2.255 | 0.010 | 0 | SCT CAES | -1.560 | 0.010 | 0 | EQU VARI | -0.010 | 0.010 | 0 |
| ARC ALPI | -0.600 | 0.010 | 0 | CAS TETR | -0.010 | 0.010 | 0 | LYCOP SP | -0.540 | 0.010 | 0 |
| JUNCUS | -0.140 | 0.010 | 0 | JUN BIGL | -1.560 | 0.010 | 0 | PIN VULG | -0.830 | 0.010 | 0 |
| LLO SERO | -0.010 | 0.010 | 0 | TOF PUSI | -0.540 | 0.010 | 0 | ZYG ELEG | -0.750 | 0.010 | 0 |
| WOO GLAB | -0.010 | 0.010 | 0 | AND CHAM | -0.250 | 0.010 | 0 | THA ALPI | -0.130 | 0.010 | 0 |
| SAL ARCT | -0.100 | 0.010 | 0 | SAL RETI | -0.010 | 0.010 | 0 | PAR FIMB | -0.010 | 0.010 | 0 |
| PED CAPT | -0.800 | 0.010 | 0 | SEL SELA | -0.010 | 0.010 | 0 | MIS LICH | -25.500 | 0.010 | 0 |
| CET CUCC | -0.800 | 0.010 | 0 | CET TITL | -0.010 | 0.010 | 0 | CLA POCT | -0.030 | 0.010 | 0 |
| OAC RAMU | 0.010 | 0.010 | 0 | THA SUBU | -0.440 | 0.010 | 0 | CRUSTOSE | -0.030 | 0.010 | 0 |
| MUSS SPP | -0.090 | 0.010 | 0 | BLE TRIC | -0.005 | 0.010 | 0 | CAT NIGR | 0.010 | 0.010 | 0 |
| OIT FLEX | 0.010 | 0.010 | 0 | HYP BAMB | -0.005 | 0.010 | 0 | TOR RURA | 0.010 | 0.010 | 0 |
| CIN STVG | 0.010 | 0.010 | 0 | | | | | | | | |

K.4 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Pit Access Roads (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)

In Dryas integrifolia-Carex Species Tundra (n=1)

| SPECIES | COV | DIF | CONTR | SPECIES | COV | DIF | CONTR | SPECIES | COV | DIF | CONTR |
|----------|--------|-------|-------|----------|--------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| ARE HUMI | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1 | MIN R EL | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1 | ORA CORY | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1 |
| PAR MUI | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1 | CAR MISA | -0.890 | 0.010 | 1 | CAR RUPE | -6.990 | 0.010 | 1 |
| CAR SCIR | -0.890 | 0.010 | 1 | AND CHAM | -0.240 | 0.010 | 1 | DRY INTE | -26.990 | 0.010 | 1 |
| SAL ALAX | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1 | SAL ODUG | -0.180 | 0.010 | 1 | SAL AP | -0.030 | 0.010 | 1 |
| SAL RETI | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1 | | | | | | | | |

IN CONTROLS BUT NOT IN DISTURBANCES

| SPECIES | COV | DIF | CONTR | SPECIES | COV | DIF | CONTR | SPECIES | COV | DIF | CONTR |
|----------|--------|-------|-------|----------|--------|-------|-------|----------|--------|-------|-------|
| MIN ARCT | -0.040 | 0.010 | 0 | MIN ROSS | -0.010 | 0.010 | 0 | CHR INTE | -0.010 | 0.010 | 0 |
| SEN ATRO | -0.010 | 0.010 | 0 | SEN CYMB | -0.140 | 0.010 | 0 | CAR MEM | -0.010 | 0.010 | 0 |
| ERI ANGU | -0.500 | 0.010 | 0 | KUB SIMP | -0.010 | 0.010 | 0 | EQU VARI | -0.010 | 0.010 | 0 |
| CAS TETR | 0.010 | 0.010 | 0 | POA SP | -0.040 | 0.010 | 0 | JUN BIGL | -0.190 | 0.010 | 0 |
| PAP MEEL | 0.010 | 0.010 | 0 | POL VIVI | -0.040 | 0.010 | 0 | WOO GLAB | -0.010 | 0.010 | 0 |
| THA ALPI | -0.010 | 0.010 | 0 | SAL ARCT | -0.010 | 0.010 | 0 | SAL POA | -0.010 | 0.010 | 0 |
| SAX OPPD | -0.900 | 0.010 | 0 | PED LANA | -0.090 | 0.010 | 0 | CET CUCC | -0.800 | 0.010 | 0 |
| CET TITL | -1.410 | 0.010 | 0 | OAC RAMU | 0.010 | 0.010 | 0 | THA SUBU | -0.440 | 0.010 | 0 |
| SOL LIC | -1.410 | 0.010 | 0 | SAX LICH | -3.000 | 0.010 | 0 | MUSS SPP | -0.090 | 0.010 | 0 |
| HYP BAMB | 0.010 | 0.010 | 0 | | | | | | | | |

K.1 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Roads (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)

In Dryas integrifolia-Carex Species Tundra (n=3)

| SPECIES | COV | DIF | CONTR | SPECIES | COV | DIF | CONTR | SPECIES | COV | DIF | CONTR |
|----------|--------|-------|-------|----------|--------|-------|-------|----------|-------|-------|-------|
| ARE HUMI | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1 | MIN R EL | -0.050 | 0.010 | 1 | MIN R EL | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1 |
| MIN ROSS | 0.130 | 0.010 | 1 | SIL ACAC | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1 | SEN CYMB | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1 |
| ARC ALPI | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1 | CHR INTE | -0.130 | 0.010 | 1 | SEN CYMB | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1 |
| BRA PURP | 0.010 | 0.010 | 2 | SEN CYMB | 0.010 | 0.010 | 2 | SEN CYMB | 0.010 | 0.010 | 2 |
| CAR GLAC | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1 | SEN CYMB | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1 | SEN CYMB | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1 |
| TRC SPIC | -3.460 | 0.010 | 2 | SEN CYMB | 0.010 | 0.010 | 2 | SEN CYMB | 0.010 | 0.010 | 2 |
| OXYR SP | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1 | SEN CYMB | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1 | SEN CYMB | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1 |
| ZYG ELEG | -0.190 | 0.010 | 1 | SEN CYMB | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1 | SEN CYMB | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1 |
| POL VIVI | -0.740 | 0.010 | 2 | SEN CYMB | 0.010 | 0.010 | 2 | SEN CYMB | 0.010 | 0.010 | 2 |
| AME PARV | 0.840 | 0.010 | 2 | SEN CYMB | 0.010 | 0.010 | 2 | SEN CYMB | 0.010 | 0.010 | 2 |
| POT FRUT | -3.170 | 0.010 | 2 | SEN CYMB | 0.010 | 0.010 | 2 | SEN CYMB | 0.010 | 0.010 | 2 |
| SAL ARBU | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1 | SEN CYMB | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1 | SEN CYMB | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1 |
| SAL GLAU | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1 | SEN CYMB | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1 | SEN CYMB | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1 |
| SAX ATZO | -0.935 | 0.010 | 2 | SEN CYMB | 0.010 | 0.010 | 2 | SEN CYMB | 0.010 | 0.010 | 2 |
| PEL RUPE | 0.025 | 0.010 | 2 | SEN CYMB | 0.010 | 0.010 | 2 | SEN CYMB | 0.010 | 0.010 | 2 |

IN CONTROLS BUT NOT IN DISTURBANCES

| SPECIES | COV | DIF | CONTR | SPECIES | COV | DIF | CONTR | SPECIES | COV | DIF | CONTR |
|----------|--------|-------|-------|----------|--------|-------|-------|----------|--------|-------|-------|
| MIN ARCT | -0.340 | 0.010 | 0 | MIN R EL | -0.010 | 0.010 | 0 | MIN R EL | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1 |
| CHR INTE | -0.505 | 0.010 | 0 | SEN ATRO | -0.010 | 0.010 | 0 | SEN ATRO | -0.140 | 0.010 | 0 |
| CAR MCG | -0.050 | 0.010 | 0 | CAR CAPT | -0.540 | 0.010 | 0 | CAR CAPT | -0.540 | 0.010 | 0 |
| CAR PODO | -0.700 | 0.010 | 0 | CAR MISA | -1.975 | 0.010 | 0 | CAR MISA | -1.975 | 0.010 | 0 |
| ERI ANGU | -0.500 | 0.010 | 0 | CAR SCIR | -0.700 | 0.010 | 0 | CAR SCIR | -0.700 | 0.010 | 0 |
| EQU VARI | -0.010 | 0.010 | 0 | SCT CAES | -1.560 | 0.010 | 0 | SCT CAES | -1.560 | 0.010 | 0 |
| POA SP | -0.010 | 0.010 | 0 | RHO LAPP | -0.340 | 0.010 | 0 | RHO LAPP | -0.340 | 0.010 | 0 |
| JUN BIGL | -0.100 | 0.010 | 0 | JUNCUS | -0.140 | 0.010 | 0 | JUNCUS | -0.140 | 0.010 | 0 |
| TOF PUSI | -1.560 | 0.010 | 0 | LLO SERO | -0.010 | 0.010 | 0 | LLO SERO | -0.010 | 0.010 | 0 |
| AND CHAM | -0.365 | 0.010 | 0 | WOO GLAB | -0.010 | 0.010 | 0 | WOO GLAB | -0.010 | 0.010 | 0 |
| SAL ODUG | -0.140 | 0.010 | 0 | THA ALPI | -0.605 | 0.010 | 0 | THA ALPI | -0.605 | 0.010 | 0 |
| PAR FIMB | -0.010 | 0.010 | 0 | SAL RETI | -0.250 | 0.010 | 0 | SAL RETI | -0.250 | 0.010 | 0 |
| SEL SELA | -0.075 | 0.010 | 0 | PEC LANA | -0.090 | 0.010 | 0 | PEC LANA | -0.090 | 0.010 | 0 |
| CET TITL | -0.440 | 0.010 | 0 | CET CUCC | -0.800 | 0.010 | 0 | CET CUCC | -0.800 | 0.010 | 0 |
| THA SUBU | -0.440 | 0.010 | 0 | OAC RAMU | 0.010 | 0.010 | 0 | OAC RAMU | 0.010 | 0.010 | 0 |
| SAX LICH | -3.190 | 0.010 | 0 | SOL LIC | -1.410 | 0.010 | 0 | SOL LIC | -1.410 | 0.010 | 0 |
| CAT NIGR | 0.010 | 0.010 | 0 | BLE TRIC | -0.005 | 0.010 | 0 | BLE TRIC | -0.005 | 0.010 | 0 |
| TOR RURA | 0.010 | 0.010 | 0 | HYP BAMB | 0.010 | 0.010 | 0 | HYP BAMB | 0.010 | 0.010 | 0 |

K.2 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Bladed Trails (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)

In Dryas integrifolia-Carex Species Tundra (n=1)

| SPECIES | COV | DIF | CONTR | SPECIES | COV | DIF | CONTR | SPECIES | COV | DIF | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|--------|-------|-------|
| MLI APET | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1 | AST SIBI | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1 | CHR INTE | -0.990 | 0.010 | 1 |
| SAL ARCT | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1 | SEN CYMB | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1 | BRA PURP | 0.250 | 0.010 | 1 |
| CAR CAPT | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1 | CAR MEM | -6.370 | 0.010 | 1 | CAR SCIR | 0.040 | 0.010 | 0 |
| EUH ARBE | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1 | ARC ALPI | -0.350 | 0.010 | 1 | DES CAES | -0.040 | 0.010 | 0 |
| AND CHAM | 0.530 | 0.010 | 1 | HEP ALPI | -0.350 | 0.010 | 1 | POL VIVI | -0.080 | 0.010 | 1 |
| DRY INTE | -23.410 | 0.010 | 1 | AME PARV | -0.350 | 0.010 | 1 | THA ALPI | -0.240 | 0.010 | 1 |
| SAL PLAN | 2.140 | 0.010 | 1 | POT FRUT | -5.550 | 0.010 | 1 | SAL ALAX | 0.600 | 0.010 | 1 |
| SAX OPPD | 3.470 | 0.010 | 1 | SAL RETI | -0.240 | 0.010 | 1 | SAX ATZO | 0.200 | 0.010 | 1 |
| OIT FLEX | 0.010 | 0.010 | 1 | MIS LICH | -25.250 | 0.010 | 1 | MUSS SPP | -0.910 | 0.010 | 1 |

IN CONTROLS BUT NOT IN DISTURBANCES

| SPECIES | COV | DIF | CONTR | SPECIES | COV | DIF | CONTR | SPECIES | COV | DIF | CONTR |
|----------|--------|-------|-------|----------|--------|-------|-------|----------|--------|-------|-------|
| SIL ACAC | 0.600 | 0.010 | 0 | ARN ALPI | -0.010 | 0.010 | 0 | JUNCUS | -0.040 | 0.010 | 0 |
| CAS TETR | -1.410 | 0.010 | 0 | LYCOP SP | -0.540 | 0.010 | 0 | TOF PUSI | -0.140 | 0.010 | 0 |
| ZYG ELEG | -0.750 | 0.010 | 0 | PAR FIMB | -0.010 | 0.010 | 0 | WOO GLAB | -0.010 | 0.010 | 0 |
| SEL SELA | -0.010 | 0.010 | 0 | CET TITL | -0.010 | 0.010 | 0 | PED CAPT | -0.190 | 0.010 | 0 |
| BLE TRIC | 0.010 | 0.010 | 0 | HYP BAMB | 0.010 | 0.010 | 0 | CLA POCT | 0.010 | 0.010 | 0 |
| | | | | | | | | TOR RURA | 0.010 | 0.010 | 0 |

L.1 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Roads (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)
In *Dryas integrifolia-Cetraria tlesii* Tundra (n=7)

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|-----------|---------|-------|-------|
| BET GLAN | 4 075 | 2 | 2 | ARE HUMI | 0 250 | 1 | 0 |
| MEL APET | 0 050 | 3 | 1 | MIN R EL | 0 790 | 5 | 3 |
| SIL ACAC | -1 157 | 6 | 5 | STE ENMA | 0 010 | 1 | 1 |
| ANT OENS | 0 405 | 2 | 2 | ANI ENMA | 0 253 | 3 | 1 |
| AST SIBI | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | CIR INTE | 0 213 | 3 | 2 |
| SOL MULT | 0 040 | 1 | 0 | BRA PURP | 0 0 | 1 | 1 |
| ORA OGIL | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | PAR PAJDI | 0 023 | 3 | 1 |
| CAR CAP1 | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | CAR GLAC | 0 023 | 3 | 1 |
| CAR MISA | 0 900 | 1 | 0 | CAR PTER | -12 530 | 1 | 4 |
| ERT SCHE | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | ERT VAGI | 0 540 | 1 | 0 |
| EMP NIGR | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | EDU ARVE | 0 010 | 2 | 0 |
| EDU VARI | -0 085 | 2 | 1 | ARC ALPI | -0 187 | 3 | 0 |
| RHO LAPP | -1 250 | 1 | 1 | ARC LATI | 0 010 | 2 | 0 |
| FES ALTA | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | EES BRAC | 0 040 | 1 | 0 |
| IPS SPIC | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | JUN BALI | 0 010 | 3 | 0 |
| JUN ALBE | 0 017 | 3 | 1 | HEO MACK | -0 385 | 2 | 1 |
| PIN VULG | 0 0 | 1 | 1 | TOF COCC | 0 180 | 3 | 4 |
| EPI TATI | 0 010 | 2 | 0 | PAP KEEL | -0 010 | 2 | 1 |
| ARM MARI | 0 010 | 2 | 0 | POL VIVI | -0 050 | 5 | 6 |
| PRI EGAL | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | ANE PARV | 0 040 | 4 | 1 |
| ORY DRUM | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | ORY INTE | -9 030 | 6 | 1 |
| POT FRUT | 0 056 | 5 | 4 | POP BALI | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| SAL ARBU | 0 273 | 3 | 0 | SAL ARCT | 1 149 | 7 | 5 |
| SAL GLAU | 0 053 | 3 | 0 | SAL PLAN | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| SAL RITI | -0 083 | 3 | 3 | PAR PALI | 0 0 | 1 | 0 |
| SAX OPPD | 0 473 | 6 | 3 | PEO CAP1 | 0 0 | 1 | 0 |
| PEO SOMI | 0 115 | 4 | 3 | BASJOTUM | 0 440 | 1 | 1 |
| ALE OCHR | 0 030 | 1 | 1 | CET CUCU | -6 010 | 3 | 1 |
| LEC EPIB | 0 660 | 1 | 1 | SOIL LIT | -2 570 | 3 | 1 |
| MOSS SPP | -0 270 | 4 | 3 | HYP DAMB | 0 0 | 1 | 0 |
| ORE UNCI | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | WET COIT | 0 0 | 1 | 0 |
| TRI ARCT | 0 0 | 1 | 0 | | | | |

----- IN CONTROLS BUT NOT IN DISTURBANCES -----

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| BET GLAN | 0 010 | 0 | 3 | MIN ARCT | -0 040 | 0 | 1 |
| MIN ROSS | -0 190 | 0 | 1 | SIL ACAC | -3 510 | 0 | 1 |
| ANI ENMA | 0 010 | 0 | 1 | ANM ALPI | -0 010 | 0 | 4 |
| SEN ARHO | -0 010 | 0 | 2 | SEN CYMB | -0 040 | 0 | 1 |
| BRA RICH | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | LES ARCT | -0 063 | 0 | 3 |
| CARLX SP | -0 250 | 0 | 1 | CAR ALFO | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| CAR PLIR | -1 540 | 0 | 6 | CAR RUPE | -2 049 | 0 | 3 |
| KOB STMP | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | SCI CALS | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| RHO POLI | -0 112 | 0 | 5 | ARC ALPI | -0 010 | 0 | 3 |
| RHO LAPP | -0 916 | 0 | 5 | VAC INTG | 0 010 | 0 | 6 |
| AST UMIE | -0 170 | 0 | 2 | HEO ALPI | -0 010 | 0 | 3 |
| ORY JORD | -0 010 | 0 | 3 | PIN VULG | -0 145 | 0 | 1 |
| TOF COCC | -0 010 | 0 | 3 | TOF PUST | 0 040 | 0 | 1 |
| POL VIVI | -0 250 | 0 | 2 | MUR GLAB | 0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| THA ALPI | -0 316 | 0 | 5 | ORY INTE | -10 510 | 0 | 3 |
| POT FRUT | 0 010 | 0 | 1 | SAL RITI | 0 010 | 0 | 2 |
| SAX OPPD | -0 340 | 0 | 1 | PEO CAP1 | -0 025 | 0 | 1 |
| PED TATA | -0 132 | 0 | 4 | PER SHUE | 0 075 | 0 | 6 |
| ASA CHIR | 0 215 | 0 | 4 | CET COMH | 0 0 | 0 | 5 |
| CET ENIC | -0 140 | 0 | 2 | CET TSLA | -0 776 | 0 | 7 |
| CET RELI | -0 040 | 0 | 2 | CET TLE | -3 512 | 0 | 2 |
| CLA STEL | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | CLA PNCI | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| CLA OPHI | -0 013 | 0 | 1 | OAC ARCT | -0 157 | 0 | 2 |
| NAC RAMU | 0 140 | 0 | 2 | LEC EPIB | -2 580 | 0 | 1 |
| PER OACT | 1 340 | 0 | 1 | SOL BLSP | -0 090 | 0 | 6 |
| THA VERM | 1 665 | 0 | 1 | TOM LROD | -5 560 | 0 | 2 |
| SOIL LIT | 3 845 | 0 | 4 | SAX TICH | 4 693 | 0 | 3 |
| VER MIRA | 1 740 | 0 | 1 | POL INTE | -0 233 | 0 | 2 |
| OCINO SP | 0 0 | 0 | 4 | MOSS SPP | 0 157 | 0 | 1 |
| OIT FLEX | 0 003 | 0 | 4 | ORE REVO | 0 0 | 0 | 2 |
| HYP DAMB | 0 145 | 0 | 2 | UHI CHYS | 0 0 | 0 | 1 |
| RIT RHO | 0 0 | 0 | 1 | TUM NITE | 0 0 | 0 | 1 |
| TOR TUR | 0 0 | 0 | 3 | | | | |

L.2 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between False Start Roads (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)
In *Dryas integrifolia-Cetraria tlesii* Tundra (n=2)

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| MIN R EL | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | SIL ACAC | -2 890 | 1 | 1 |
| MIN ARCT | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | CRE NANA | 0 250 | 1 | 0 |
| SOL MULT | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | BRA PURP | 0 090 | 1 | 0 |
| CAR GLAC | 1 410 | 1 | 0 | CAR MISA | 0 0 | 1 | 0 |
| ARC ALPI | -0 580 | 1 | 1 | RHO LAPP | -0 080 | 1 | 0 |
| ELY INNO | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | POA ALPG | 0 010 | 2 | 0 |
| PIC GLAU | 0 0 | 1 | 1 | ELY JORD | 0 0 | 1 | 1 |
| HEO MACK | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | POL VIVI | 0 020 | 1 | 1 |
| AND CHAM | -0 100 | 2 | 2 | ANE PARV | 0 020 | 2 | 2 |
| ORY CHUM | 0 025 | 2 | 2 | DHY INTE | 4 120 | 2 | 2 |
| POT UNIF | 0 050 | 1 | 0 | POP BALI | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| SAL ARBU | 0 040 | 1 | 0 | SAL ODOG | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| SAX AIZO | 0 045 | 2 | 1 | SAX OPPD | 0 355 | 2 | 2 |
| CET TLE | -1 650 | 1 | 1 | | | | |

----- IN CONTROLS BUT NOT IN DISTURBANCES -----

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| BET GLAN | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | MIN ARCT | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| LES ARCT | -0 010 | 0 | 2 | CAR PETR | -1 670 | 0 | 2 |
| CAR SCIR | -0 010 | 0 | 2 | AND POLI | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| CAS TETR | -0 440 | 0 | 1 | ORY JORD | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| TOF COCC | -0 010 | 0 | 2 | TOF PUST | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| SAL RITI | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | PEO LAMA | -0 340 | 0 | 1 |
| ALE OCHR | -0 140 | 0 | 1 | ASA CHIR | -0 140 | 0 | 1 |
| CET TSLA | -0 290 | 0 | 1 | CET NIYA | -0 290 | 0 | 1 |
| CLA ARBU | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | OAC BEHI | -0 070 | 0 | 1 |
| THA SUHU | -0 145 | 0 | 2 | CRUSTOSE | -11 060 | 0 | 1 |
| SAX LICH | -2 580 | 0 | 1 | POL INTE | 0 0 | 0 | 1 |
| MOSS SPP | -0 065 | 0 | 2 | OIT FLEX | 0 0 | 0 | 1 |
| HYP DAMB | 0 0 | 0 | 1 | ORT CHYS | 0 0 | 0 | 1 |
| TOR NURV | 0 010 | 0 | 1 | | | | |

L.3 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Bladed Traits (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)

In Dryas integrifolia-Cetraria tilessi Tundra (n=3)

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| BET GLAN | -4.080 | 2 | 2 | MEL APET | 0.030 | 1 | 1 |
| MIN R EL | 0.023 | 3 | 1 | SIL ACAL | -1.345 | 2 | 2 |
| SIE LONG | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | SIE LAET | 0.000 | 1 | 1 |
| ARN ALPI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | SIE MOHA | 0.010 | 1 | 1 |
| BHA PURP | 0.140 | 3 | 3 | SEN CYMB | 0.060 | 3 | 3 |
| LES ARCT | 0.040 | 1 | 0 | BRA RICH | 0.030 | 3 | 1 |
| CAR MISA | 0.175 | 2 | 0 | PAR MUOI | 0.025 | 2 | 0 |
| CAR SCIR | -4.120 | 2 | 2 | CAR PEIR | -7.320 | 2 | 2 |
| ARC ALPI | 0.000 | 2 | 2 | KOB SIMP | 0.240 | 2 | 2 |
| ELY INHO | 0.000 | 2 | 2 | KOB LAPP | -0.503 | 0 | 1 |
| DRY JUHO | 0.530 | 1 | 1 | HEO ALPI | 0.000 | 2 | 2 |
| TOF PUST | 0.030 | 1 | 1 | LLD SERO | -0.080 | 1 | 1 |
| AND CHAM | -0.310 | 3 | 3 | PAP KEEL | 0.000 | 3 | 3 |
| DRY INIE | -7.697 | 3 | 3 | AME PARV | 0.080 | 2 | 2 |
| SAL ANHU | 0.010 | 2 | 0 | POT FRUT | 0.000 | 2 | 2 |
| SAL ALAU | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | SAL ARCT | 0.693 | 3 | 3 |
| SAX ALZO | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | SAL RETI | 0.000 | 1 | 1 |
| PED SUDE | -0.130 | 1 | 0 | SAX OPPO | 0.797 | 3 | 3 |
| CET TLE | -7.030 | 1 | 1 | TER ALGA | 2.120 | 1 | 1 |
| CRUSTOSE | -10.060 | 1 | 1 | SOL BLSP | 0.090 | 1 | 1 |
| CULLEMA | 0.000 | 1 | 1 | SOL LICH | 2.067 | 3 | 3 |
| MUSS SPP | 0.247 | 3 | 2 | POL INIE | -0.700 | 1 | 1 |
| | | | | TUR INCL | 0.000 | 1 | 1 |

IN CONTROLS BUT NOT IN DISTURBANCES

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR |
|-----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| MIN ROSS | -0.190 | 0 | 1 | SIL ACAL | 0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| CAR ATFU | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | CAR PEIR | -3.150 | 0 | 1 |
| CAR SCIR | -0.040 | 0 | 1 | KOB SIMP | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| AND PULI | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | ARC ALPI | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| PIN VULG | -0.010 | 0 | 2 | TOF CUCC | -0.010 | 0 | 3 |
| WOOD GLAB | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | THA ALPI | -0.140 | 0 | 1 |
| SAL RETI | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | THA ALPI | -0.640 | 0 | 2 |
| PED LANA | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | PED SUDE | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| ASA CHRY | -0.140 | 0 | 1 | PED SUDE | -0.020 | 0 | 1 |
| CET TSLA | -1.943 | 0 | 3 | CET NIWA | -0.090 | 0 | 1 |
| CLA ARDU | -1.300 | 0 | 1 | CLA STEL | -0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| CLA PYRI | -1.160 | 0 | 1 | OCH ARCT | -0.190 | 0 | 1 |
| LEC EPID | -1.140 | 0 | 1 | OCH ARCT | -1.560 | 0 | 1 |
| THA SHOU | -1.295 | 0 | 2 | THA VLAM | -1.660 | 0 | 1 |
| VER MUHA | -1.300 | 0 | 1 | PUL RUPE | -1.360 | 0 | 1 |
| OTT TLEX | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | HYP BAMB | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| RHY HUGO | 0.000 | 0 | 1 | TOR FRAG | -0.010 | 0 | 2 |

L.4 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Bulldozer Tracks (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)

In Dryas integrifolia-Cetraria tilessi Tundra (n=1)

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| MIN R EL | -0.030 | 1 | 1 | SIL ACAL | 2.890 | 1 | 1 |
| SEN CYMB | -0.100 | 1 | 1 | BRA RICH | 0.250 | 1 | 1 |
| PAR MUOI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | CAR PEIR | 6.230 | 1 | 1 |
| CAR RUPE | -2.570 | 1 | 1 | AMP PULI | 0.000 | 1 | 1 |
| ARC ALPI | 0.590 | 1 | 1 | RHO LAPP | -1.250 | 1 | 1 |
| ILU MACK | 0.740 | 1 | 1 | PIN VULG | 0.000 | 1 | 1 |
| POL VIVI | -0.050 | 1 | 1 | AND CHAM | 2.200 | 1 | 1 |
| THA ALPI | -0.160 | 1 | 1 | DRY INIE | 5.390 | 1 | 1 |
| POT FRUT | 0.000 | 1 | 1 | SAL ALAU | 0.010 | 1 | 1 |
| PAR PATU | 0.080 | 1 | 1 | SAX ALZO | 0.010 | 1 | 1 |
| PED CAPT | 0.070 | 1 | 1 | PEL SUDE | -0.100 | 1 | 1 |
| LEC EPID | 0.960 | 1 | 1 | SOL BLSP | -0.050 | 1 | 1 |
| SOL LICH | 0.340 | 1 | 0 | SAX LICH | 2.120 | 1 | 1 |
| MUSS SPP | -0.100 | 1 | 1 | THA VERM | 0.000 | 1 | 1 |
| OHV VIRE | 0.000 | 1 | 1 | THE CRIS | 0.000 | 1 | 1 |

IN CONTROLS BUT NOT IN DISTURBANCES

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| BET GLAN | 8.190 | 0 | 1 | CAR INIE | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| CAR ATFU | 0.010 | 0 | 1 | CAR SCIR | -7.510 | 0 | 1 |
| SIL CAES | 0.010 | 0 | 1 | CAS TEIR | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| DRY JUHO | 0.010 | 0 | 1 | TUF CUCC | -0.140 | 0 | 1 |
| PEL LABR | 0.010 | 0 | 1 | ATE OCHR | 6.020 | 0 | 1 |
| TER CUCC | 6.020 | 0 | 1 | CET TSLA | 4.530 | 0 | 1 |
| CLA ARHU | 1.140 | 0 | 1 | CLA STEL | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| CLA PYRI | 1.360 | 0 | 1 | CET NIWA | 0.250 | 0 | 1 |
| PAR DIAC | 1.160 | 0 | 1 | CET NIWA | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| POT TLEX | 1.160 | 0 | 1 | THA VERM | -1.540 | 0 | 1 |
| RHY RUGH | 0.000 | 0 | 1 | CULLEMA | 0.000 | 0 | 1 |
| | | | | POL MUOI | 0.000 | 0 | 1 |

L.5 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Gravel Plots (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)

In Dryas integrifolia-Cetraria tilessi Tundra (n=5)

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|-----------|---------|-------|-------|
| BET GLAN | -0.180 | 1 | 1 | MEL APET | 0.005 | 2 | 1 |
| MIN ARCT | 0.577 | 4 | 3 | MIN RUSS | -0.180 | 1 | 1 |
| SIL ACAL | -2.983 | 3 | 3 | ANT DEN | 0.390 | 2 | 2 |
| ANT EKMA | 0.100 | 3 | 3 | ARF ARCT | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| CHR INIE | 0.010 | 3 | 3 | SOL MULT | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| BRA PURP | 0.005 | 2 | 1 | PAR MUOI | -0.080 | 2 | 2 |
| CAR MISA | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | CAR MICH | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| CAR RUPE | -0.050 | 2 | 0 | CAR POCO | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| ARC UVA | -0.240 | 1 | 0 | ARC ALPI | 0.003 | 3 | 2 |
| FES BRAC | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | ELY IMMO | 0.010 | 2 | 0 |
| JUN BALI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | TRIS SPIC | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| HEO ALPI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | JUN ALBE | 0.040 | 1 | 0 |
| URY JUHO | 0.000 | 1 | 1 | OXYR SP | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| TUF CUCC | -0.065 | 2 | 2 | LLD SERO | -0.080 | 1 | 1 |
| EPI LAET | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | ZYG ELEG | 0.000 | 1 | 1 |
| PIC GLAU | 0.040 | 1 | 0 | PAP RAUT | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| DRY INIE | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | AND CHAM | -0.558 | 3 | 3 |
| POP BALS | -12.440 | 4 | 4 | THA ALPI | -0.255 | 4 | 4 |
| SAL ARCT | 0.010 | 2 | 0 | POT FRUT | 0.005 | 2 | 1 |
| SAL RETI | 0.354 | 5 | 3 | SAL ARBU | 0.570 | 4 | 0 |
| PED CAPT | -0.093 | 3 | 1 | SAX OPPO | 0.652 | 3 | 0 |
| CET CUCC | -0.007 | 3 | 1 | TER ALGA | 0.900 | 1 | 0 |
| POL SEMO | -6.010 | 1 | 0 | LEC EPID | 4.460 | 1 | 1 |
| SAX LICH | 50.000 | 4 | 4 | POL INIE | -1.707 | 3 | 3 |
| MUSS SPP | 0.090 | 4 | 4 | SOL LICH | 0.500 | 2 | 1 |
| CAM SELL | 0.000 | 1 | 0 | BRY PSEU | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| HYP BAMB | 0.000 | 2 | 1 | OTT TLEX | 0.000 | 2 | 1 |
| TOR TURI | 0.000 | 1 | 0 | TOR ARCT | 0.000 | 2 | 0 |

IN CONTROLS BUT NOT IN DISTURBANCES

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| BET GLAN | -0.010 | 0 | 2 | SIL ACAL | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| ANT DEN | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | SEN ATRO | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| LES ARCT | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | BRA RICH | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| CAR ATFU | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | CAREX SP | -0.250 | 0 | 1 |
| SCT CAES | -2.413 | 0 | 2 | CAR PEIR | -2.070 | 0 | 3 |
| ARC ALPI | -0.010 | 0 | 4 | KOB SIMP | -0.010 | 0 | 3 |
| VAC ULIG | -0.320 | 0 | 2 | AMP PULI | -0.140 | 0 | 3 |
| AST UMDE | -0.010 | 0 | 2 | RHO LAPP | -0.290 | 0 | 1 |
| PIN VULG | -0.130 | 0 | 3 | ELY IMMO | -0.130 | 0 | 2 |
| MIN GLAU | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | PAP KEEL | -0.040 | 0 | 1 |
| POT BIFL | -0.010 | 0 | 2 | DRY JUHO | -0.040 | 0 | 1 |
| PAR PATU | 0.010 | 0 | 3 | DRY INIE | -10.540 | 0 | 1 |
| PED SUDE | -0.097 | 0 | 3 | SAL RETI | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| CET CUCC | -0.018 | 0 | 3 | ASA CHRY | -0.283 | 0 | 3 |
| CET TLE | -3.633 | 0 | 3 | CET RICH | -0.140 | 0 | 1 |
| CLA POCI | -0.010 | 0 | 3 | CLA UNCI | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| OAC ARCT | -0.165 | 0 | 2 | DAC RAMU | -0.140 | 0 | 2 |
| LEC EPID | -2.580 | 0 | 2 | PER OCHI | -1.360 | 0 | 1 |
| SUL BLSP | -5.560 | 0 | 1 | THA VERM | -1.660 | 0 | 1 |
| TOR TURI | -0.540 | 0 | 1 | SUL LICH | -5.000 | 0 | 1 |
| DAKHO SP | 0.000 | 0 | 1 | POL RUPE | 0.000 | 0 | 1 |
| OTT TLEX | 0.000 | 0 | 1 | BRYUM SP | 0.000 | 0 | 1 |
| DRY CRYS | 0.000 | 0 | 1 | HYPHUM | 0.000 | 0 | 1 |
| TUR TURI | 0.000 | 0 | 1 | HYM RUGH | 0.000 | 0 | 1 |

L.6 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Pit Access Roads (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)

In Dryas integrifolia-Cetraria tilessi Tundra (n=1)

| SPECIES | COV DIF | OISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | OISTB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| MIN ARCT | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | ARN ALPI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| SEN CYMB | -0.130 | 1 | 1 | CAR A SI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| CAR ATFU | 0.010 | 1 | 1 | CAR GLAC | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| CAR MEMB | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | CAR PETR | -2.110 | 1 | 0 |
| CAR RIPE | -2.570 | 1 | 1 | KOB STMP | 0.010 | 1 | 1 |
| ARC ALPI | 0.010 | 2 | 2 | RHO LAPP | -1.250 | 1 | 1 |
| ELY TMOH | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | MEC MACK | -0.740 | 1 | 1 |
| ARM MAHL | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | POL VIVI | -0.050 | 1 | 1 |
| PVR ASAR | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | THA ATVI | -0.240 | 1 | 1 |
| POT BIFL | 0.010 | 1 | 1 | POT TROT | 0.740 | 1 | 1 |
| SAL ALAN | 29.550 | 1 | 0 | SAL ARBO | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| SAL PLAN | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | PAR PALU | 0.010 | 1 | 1 |
| SAX OPPO | 0.460 | 1 | 1 | PEO CAPT | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| CET TILE | -6.960 | 1 | 1 | SOIL LIC | 5.560 | 1 | 0 |
| MOSS SPP | 13.750 | 1 | 1 | | | | |

----- IN CONTROLS BUT NOT IN DISTURBANCES -----

| SPECIES | COV DIF | OISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | OISTB | CONTR |
|-----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| BET GLAN | -8.190 | 0 | 1 | SIL ACAU | -2.700 | 0 | 1 |
| CHIR INTE | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | SCI CAES | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| ARM POLI | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | HEO ALPI | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| ORY JOHO | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | TUF COCC | -0.140 | 0 | 1 |
| ORY INTE | -25.900 | 0 | 1 | PEU SUDE | -0.140 | 0 | 1 |
| ALE OCUR | -6.030 | 0 | 1 | CET CUCC | -6.030 | 0 | 1 |
| CET ISLA | -4.530 | 0 | 1 | CLA NYVA | -1.100 | 0 | 1 |
| CLA STEL | -0.190 | 0 | 1 | CLA PYXI | -1.360 | 0 | 1 |
| PAR DACT | -0.190 | 0 | 1 | LEC EPIB | -1.560 | 0 | 1 |
| COLLEMA | 0.010 | 0 | 1 | SOL BISP | -0.090 | 0 | 1 |
| POL JUINI | 0.010 | 0 | 1 | POL INTE | -0.700 | 0 | 1 |
| | | | | RHY RUOD | 0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| | | | | TOR TORT | 0.010 | 0 | 1 |

L.7 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Oil Spills (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)

In Dryas integrifolia-Cetraria tilessi Tundra (n=3)

| SPECIES | COV DIF | OISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | OISTB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| BET GLAN | -8.180 | 2 | 2 | SIL ACAU | -2.690 | 1 | 1 |
| SEN CYMB | -0.130 | 1 | 1 | CAR GLAC | 0.600 | 1 | 1 |
| CAR PETR | -2.110 | 1 | 1 | CAR RIPE | -1.915 | 2 | 3 |
| CAR LUCE | 1.350 | 2 | 0 | ERI CALL | 0.010 | 2 | 1 |
| CAS TETR | 0.010 | 1 | 1 | JUN BALI | 0.600 | 1 | 1 |
| ORY JOHO | 0.010 | 2 | 2 | PIN VULG | -0.180 | 2 | 3 |
| ARM MAHL | 0.813 | 3 | 0 | POL VIVI | 0.180 | 0 | 1 |
| ANE PARV | 0.010 | 1 | 1 | THA ALPI | -0.210 | 1 | 1 |
| POT PHOT | 0.010 | 3 | 3 | SAL ALAR | 0.480 | 2 | 2 |
| PAR PALU | 0.010 | 1 | 1 | PEO LAWA | 0.010 | 1 | 1 |
| CET CUCC | 6.010 | 1 | 1 | CET ISLA | -4.530 | 1 | 1 |
| CET TILE | -6.860 | 1 | 1 | CLA POCI | 0.030 | 1 | 1 |
| THA SUUD | 0.340 | 1 | 0 | MOSS SPP | 21.205 | 2 | 0 |
| RIN ROST | 20.500 | 1 | 0 | | | | |

----- IN CONTROLS BUT NOT IN DISTURBANCES -----

| SPECIES | COV DIF | OISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | OISTB | CONTR |
|-----------|---------|-------|-------|-----------|---------|-------|-------|
| BET GLAN | -8.190 | 0 | 1 | MIN R EL | -0.040 | 0 | 2 |
| CHIR INTE | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | CHIR INTE | -0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| ARM MAHL | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | CAR ATFU | -0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| CAR RIPE | -2.570 | 0 | 1 | KOB STMP | -0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| AND PUII | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | ARC ALPI | -0.010 | 0 | 3 |
| RHO LAPP | -1.260 | 0 | 3 | VAC ULIG | -0.010 | 0 | 3 |
| HEO MACK | -0.750 | 0 | 3 | ORY JOHO | -0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| TUF COCC | 0.140 | 0 | 3 | TOT POST | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| THA ALPI | -1.250 | 0 | 2 | ORY INTE | -25.500 | 0 | 1 |
| SAL ARCT | 1.010 | 0 | 3 | PAR PALU | -0.010 | 0 | 3 |
| POT CAPT | -0.040 | 0 | 3 | PEO LAUR | -0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| ALE OCUR | 6.030 | 0 | 3 | ASA CHRY | -0.250 | 0 | 2 |
| CET ISLA | -4.530 | 0 | 2 | CET NYVA | 0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| CLA ARBU | 1.100 | 0 | 3 | CLA STEL | -0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| CLA PYXI | -1.360 | 0 | 3 | UAC ARCT | -0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| HEO ADOR | -1.560 | 0 | 3 | PER DACT | -1.360 | 0 | 3 |
| THA VERNA | -1.660 | 0 | 3 | COLLEMA | 0.010 | 0 | 3 |
| THA SUUD | 0.010 | 0 | 3 | MOSS SPP | 0.800 | 0 | 3 |
| CHIR INTE | 0.010 | 0 | 3 | TOR TORT | 0.010 | 0 | 3 |

M.1 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Roads (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)
In Dryas integrifolia-Rhizocarpon umbilicatum Tundra (n=5)

| SPECIES | COV DIF | OISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | OISTB | CONTR |
|-----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| CHIR VAS | 0.040 | 1 | 0 | MEL APET | 0.047 | 4 | 1 |
| MIN R EL | 0.855 | 4 | 1 | MIN ROSS | 0.150 | 1 | 1 |
| STE EDWA | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | STE MONA | 0.047 | 3 | 0 |
| CHIR INTE | 0.010 | 1 | 1 | SEN CYMB | -0.120 | 3 | 2 |
| DRA CURV | 0.062 | 5 | 4 | PAR MUOI | 0.006 | 5 | 3 |
| CAR MEMB | 0.010 | 1 | 1 | CAR MISA | -1.650 | 1 | 1 |
| ERI ANGU | 0.010 | 1 | 1 | EUR SCIR | 0.010 | 1 | 1 |
| POA SP | 0.010 | 4 | 0 | TRS SPTC | 0.050 | 2 | 0 |
| ORY JOHO | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | TUF PUST | 0.010 | 1 | 1 |
| ARM MAHL | 0.005 | 2 | 1 | POL VIVI | -0.065 | 2 | 2 |
| ORY INTE | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | ORY INTE | -9.422 | 5 | 0 |
| SAL ALAX | 2.962 | 5 | 0 | CLA ARBU | 0.010 | 2 | 0 |
| SAL ODGG | -0.054 | 5 | 4 | SAL PULA | 0.010 | 2 | 2 |
| SAL RETI | -1.037 | 3 | 2 | SAL ATZO | 0.440 | 1 | 0 |
| PEO CAPT | -0.130 | 1 | 1 | PEO LANA | -0.015 | 2 | 2 |
| SOIL LIC | 0.140 | 1 | 0 | MOSS SPP | -0.060 | 1 | 1 |

----- IN CONTROLS BUT NOT IN DISTURBANCES -----

| SPECIES | COV DIF | OISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | OISTB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|-----------|---------|-------|-------|
| MEL APET | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | MIN ROSS | -0.190 | 0 | 2 |
| STELL SP | -0.190 | 0 | 3 | ANT OENS | -0.010 | 0 | 3 |
| SAU ANGU | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | SEN ATRO | -1.510 | 0 | 4 |
| EUT EDWA | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | SME BORE | -0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| CAR GLAC | -0.340 | 0 | 1 | CAR MEMB | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| CAR PETR | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | CAR RUPE | -0.677 | 0 | 3 |
| ERI ANGU | -0.010 | 0 | 3 | ERI SCHE | -0.090 | 0 | 1 |
| KOB STMP | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | ARC ALPI | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| VAC ULIG | -8.540 | 0 | 1 | JUN BICL | -0.070 | 0 | 4 |
| AST UMGE | -0.140 | 0 | 1 | LLO SERO | -0.025 | 0 | 1 |
| POL BIST | -0.375 | 0 | 1 | POT VIVI | -0.613 | 0 | 3 |
| THA ALPI | 0.320 | 0 | 2 | POT BIFL | -0.010 | 0 | 3 |
| SAL ARCT | -0.290 | 0 | 3 | SAL POLA | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| PEO LANA | -0.010 | 0 | 3 | PEO ARCT | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| ALE OCUR | -0.010 | 0 | 3 | CET CUCC | -1.550 | 0 | 1 |
| CET NYVA | 0.190 | 0 | 1 | CET PINA | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| CLA PHVL | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | CLA POCI | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| THA SUBU | -0.386 | 0 | 4 | EVE PERF | -0.010 | 0 | 5 |
| HEPATICS | -0.003 | 0 | 5 | SOIL LIC | -3.227 | 0 | 1 |
| OTI FLX | 0.010 | 0 | 4 | MOSS SPP | -12.490 | 0 | 3 |
| TOM NITE | 0.010 | 0 | 1 | IVIL SPLE | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| | | | | TOR ANCT | 0.010 | 0 | 5 |
| | | | | TOR TORT | 0.010 | 0 | 4 |

M.2 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Bladed Trails (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)
In *Dryas integrifolia*-Rhizocarpon umbilicatum Tundra (n=5)

| SPECIES | COV UIF | DISB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV UIF | DISB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV UIF | DISB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|------|-------|----------|---------|------|-------|----------|---------|------|-------|
| MEL APET | 0.102 | 4 | 2 | MIN R EL | -0.642 | 4 | 1 | MIN R EL | 0.320 | 4 | 1 |
| MIN ROSS | 0.250 | 1 | 1 | SIL ACAC | 0.003 | 3 | 2 | STE EOWA | 0.040 | 1 | 0 |
| SIE TAET | 0.010 | 2 | 0 | SIE MINA | 0.040 | 1 | 0 | ANEN SP | 0.117 | 3 | 1 |
| ARN ALPI | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | SEN CYMB | -0.023 | 3 | 0 | BRA PURP | 0.0 | 1 | 1 |
| ORA CORY | 0.122 | 4 | 3 | PAR MUDI | 0.060 | 3 | 2 | SME BURE | 0.0 | 1 | 1 |
| CAR A ST | 0.500 | 1 | 0 | CAR ATFU | 0.085 | 2 | 2 | CAR GLAC | -0.330 | 1 | 1 |
| CAR MEMB | 1.867 | 3 | 0 | CAR MLCG | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | CAR MISA | -0.455 | 4 | 3 |
| CAR PETR | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | CAR SCIR | -1.070 | 4 | 2 | CAR VAGI | 2.790 | 1 | 1 |
| ERI ANGU | -0.947 | 4 | 3 | ERI SCHE | 0.290 | 1 | 0 | ERI VAGI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| KOB MYUS | -0.730 | 2 | 1 | KOB SIMP | 0.493 | 3 | 2 | EDU VARI | -0.080 | 1 | 0 |
| RHO LAPP | 0.0 | 1 | 1 | GEN PROP | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | FES RUHR | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| PDA SP | 0.010 | 2 | 0 | POA GLAU | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | IRS SPIC | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| JUN BALI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | JUN BIGL | -0.090 | 2 | 2 | JUN CASI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| JUN ALUE | 1.420 | 3 | 1 | TRI PALU | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | PIN VULG | 0.0 | 1 | 1 |
| LLU SERO | -0.007 | 3 | 2 | TOP PUST | -0.255 | 2 | 2 | PAP KEEL | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| PAP RAUI | 0.215 | 2 | 2 | ARM MARI | 0.0 | 1 | 1 | POL VIVI | -0.440 | 5 | 5 |
| AND CHAM | 0.027 | 4 | 3 | ANE PARV | 0.010 | 2 | 0 | THA ALPI | 0.630 | 1 | 1 |
| DRY INTE | -11.214 | 5 | 5 | POI FRUT | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | SAL ALAX | 1.413 | 3 | 0 |
| SAL POLA | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | SAL ARCT | -0.857 | 3 | 3 | SAL OODG | 0.140 | 4 | 3 |
| SAX UPPO | 0.140 | 5 | 4 | PEI LANA | -2.935 | 4 | 2 | PEU SUOE | -0.290 | 1 | 0 |
| TER ALGA | -0.160 | 1 | 1 | CET CUCU | -0.590 | 1 | 1 | LEC NIYA | -0.040 | 1 | 1 |
| CET TILE | -0.675 | 2 | 2 | CLADO SP | 0.010 | 1 | 1 | CRUSTOSE | -0.340 | 1 | 0 |
| SOL BISP | -0.475 | 2 | 1 | THA SUBU | -0.030 | 1 | 0 | MUSS SPP | -1.740 | 2 | 2 |
| SOIL LIC | 4.597 | 3 | 2 | ORI REVO | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | HYP BAMH | 0.0 | 1 | 0 |
| BRUM SP | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | ORI REVO | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | HYP BAMH | 0.0 | 1 | 0 |
| CAI NIGH | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | RHY RUOG | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | TOM NITE | 0.0 | 1 | 1 |
| RHI PUNC | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| TOR FRAG | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | | | | | | | | |

----- IN CONTROLS BUT NOT IN DISTURBANCES -----

| SPECIES | COV UIF | DISB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV UIF | DISB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV UIF | DISB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|------|-------|----------|---------|------|-------|----------|---------|------|-------|
| MIN R EL | -0.250 | 0 | 2 | MIN ROSS | -0.190 | 0 | 1 | SIL ACAC | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| STEL SP | -0.190 | 0 | 1 | SEN ATRO | -0.010 | 0 | 2 | CHR INTE | -0.225 | 0 | 4 |
| SAU ANGU | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | EUT EDWA | -1.510 | 0 | 1 | SEN CYMB | -0.250 | 0 | 1 |
| BRA PURP | -0.140 | 0 | 1 | CAR MEMB | -0.010 | 0 | 2 | PAR MUDI | 0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| CAR CAPT | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | CAR RUPE | -0.603 | 0 | 3 | CAR MISA | -0.190 | 0 | 1 |
| ERI ANGU | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | ERI CALL | -0.800 | 0 | 4 | ERI SCHE | -0.090 | 0 | 1 |
| ARC ALPI | -0.010 | 0 | 2 | CAS BETR | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | VAC UNIG | -0.540 | 0 | 1 |
| ARC TATI | -0.040 | 0 | 1 | JUN BTGL | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | LUZ NIYA | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| AST UMHE | 0.340 | 0 | 1 | PAP KEEL | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | POL NIYA | -0.140 | 0 | 2 |
| AND CHAM | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | PYRUL SP | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | THA ALPI | -0.290 | 0 | 3 |
| POT BIFL | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | POT UNIF | -0.010 | 0 | 2 | PED LANA | 0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| SAX HINC | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | PEO CAPT | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | ALE OCIN | 0.025 | 0 | 2 |
| PEO ARCT | -0.010 | 0 | 2 | TER ALGA | -0.540 | 0 | 1 | CET LAEV | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| CET CUCU | -1.550 | 0 | 2 | CET ISLA | -0.090 | 0 | 1 | CET TILE | -0.103 | 0 | 3 |
| CIA PHYL | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | CET PINA | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | OAC ARCT | -0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| DAC BPHI | -0.010 | 0 | 3 | CLA PUCT | 0.010 | 0 | 1 | EVE PENF | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| LEC EPIU | -0.090 | 0 | 1 | OAC RAMU | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | THA SUBU | -0.480 | 0 | 4 |
| SOIL LIC | -0.700 | 0 | 1 | POL SERO | -2.590 | 0 | 2 | HEPATICS | -0.003 | 0 | 3 |
| MUSS SPP | -5.000 | 0 | 3 | BRY TORT | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | CAM STEL | 0.0 | 0 | 1 |
| DIS CAPT | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | DIS INCL | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | UT FLEX | 0.0 | 0 | 2 |
| HYP SPLE | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | HYP BAMH | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | HYP BAMH | 0.0 | 0 | 4 |
| MYU JULA | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | URI CHYS | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | TUM NITE | 0.0 | 0 | 1 |
| TOR ARCT | 0.0 | 0 | 2 | TOR ENAG | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | TUR TORT | 0.0 | 0 | 1 |

M.3 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Bulldozer Tracks (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)
In *Dryas integrifolia*-Rhizocarpon umbilicatum Tundra (n=1)

| SPECIES | COV UIF | DISB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV UIF | DISB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV UIF | DISB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|------|-------|----------|---------|------|-------|----------|---------|------|-------|
| MEL APET | 0.0 | 1 | 1 | MIN ARCT | -1.520 | 1 | 1 | MIN R EL | 0.190 | 1 | 0 |
| ANT EKNA | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | ARN ALPI | 0.0 | 1 | 1 | SEN ATRO | -1.500 | 1 | 1 |
| SEN CYMB | 0.040 | 1 | 0 | BRA PURP | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | CAR ATFU | -1.090 | 1 | 1 |
| CAR MEMB | 0.380 | 1 | 1 | CAR MISA | 0.460 | 1 | 1 | CAR PETR | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| CAR SCIR | -0.080 | 1 | 1 | ERI ANGU | 0.180 | 1 | 1 | KOB SIMP | 1.550 | 1 | 1 |
| AST UMHE | -0.330 | 1 | 1 | IRS SPIC | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | JUN BTGL | -0.030 | 1 | 1 |
| POT BIFL | 0.050 | 1 | 1 | ILO SERO | -1.270 | 1 | 1 | PAP KEEL | 0.100 | 1 | 1 |
| ANE PARV | 0.140 | 1 | 0 | THA ALPI | 0.060 | 1 | 1 | AND CHAM | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| POT BIFL | 0.390 | 1 | 1 | SAL ALAX | 0.750 | 1 | 0 | DRY INTE | -9.540 | 1 | 1 |
| SAL ARCT | 3.390 | 1 | 1 | SAL OODG | 0.140 | 1 | 0 | SAL ARBU | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| PEU SUOE | -0.590 | 1 | 1 | SOL BISP | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | SAL RETI | -2.810 | 1 | 1 |
| SAX LICH | 1.560 | 1 | 0 | | | | | SOIL LIC | 1.880 | 1 | 1 |

----- IN CONTROLS BUT NOT IN DISTURBANCES -----

| SPECIES | COV UIF | DISB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV UIF | DISB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV UIF | DISB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|------|-------|----------|---------|------|-------|----------|---------|------|-------|
| SIL ACAC | 0.010 | 0 | 1 | CHR INTE | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | SAU ANGU | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| EUT EDWA | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | PAR MUDI | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | CAR VAGI | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| ERI SCHE | 0.090 | 0 | 1 | KOB MYUS | -1.660 | 0 | 1 | ARC ALPI | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| VAC UNIG | -0.540 | 0 | 1 | LUZ NIYA | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | TDF PUST | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| ARM MARI | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | SAX OPPO | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | PED CAPT | -0.140 | 0 | 1 |
| PEO LANA | 0.010 | 0 | 1 | PEO ARCT | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | TER ALGA | -0.540 | 0 | 1 |
| CET CUCU | -2.850 | 0 | 1 | CET TILE | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | CLA PHYL | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| CIA PUCT | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | OAC ARCT | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | THA SUBU | -0.950 | 0 | 1 |
| HEPATICS | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | MUSS SPP | -14.500 | 0 | 1 | CAM STEL | 0.0 | 0 | 1 |
| ORT FLEX | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | HYP SPLE | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | HYP BAMH | 0.0 | 0 | 1 |
| TOM NITE | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | | | | | | | | |



M.5 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Pit Access Roads (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)
In Dryas integrifolia-Rhizocarpon umbilicatum Tundra (n=1)

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| MIN ARCT | 0.0 | 1 | 1 | MIN R EL | 0.150 | 1 | 1 | ANT DENS | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| SEN CYMB | -0.210 | 1 | 1 | BRA POMP | 0.040 | 1 | 0 | DRA COHY | 1.550 | 1 | 1 |
| PAR MUDI | 0.0 | 1 | 1 | SME BORE | 0.030 | 1 | 1 | CAR GLAC | 0.0 | 1 | 1 |
| CAR MISA | 1.210 | 1 | 0 | TRS SPIC | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | LLO SERO | -0.030 | 1 | 1 |
| PAP KEEL | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | POL VIVI | 0.630 | 1 | 1 | AMO CHAM | -0.210 | 1 | 1 |
| ORY INTE | -12.010 | 1 | 1 | POT UNIF | 0.590 | 1 | 1 | SAL ALAR | 4.190 | 1 | 0 |
| SAL ARCT | 0.390 | 1 | 0 | SAL DOOG | -0.050 | 1 | 1 | SAL POLA | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| SAL RETI | 0.030 | 1 | 1 | SAX OPPO | -0.030 | 1 | 1 | PEO LANA | -0.030 | 1 | 1 |
| CET TILE | -0.280 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | |

----- IN CONTROLS BUT NOT IN DISTURBANCES -----

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| MEL APET | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | CHR INTE | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | CAR PETR | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| CAR RUPE | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | CAS TETR | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | THA ALPI | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| ATE OCUR | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | CET COCO | -0.250 | 0 | 1 | CET ISLA | -0.090 | 0 | 1 |
| CET NIVA | -0.190 | 0 | 1 | CET PINA | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | OAC BERT | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| EVE PERE | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | LEC EPIB | -0.090 | 0 | 1 | THA SUBU | -0.950 | 0 | 1 |
| MOSS SPP | -0.250 | 0 | 1 | HYP BAMB | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | IDR TORT | 0.0 | 0 | 1 |

H.6 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Oil Spills (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)
In Dryas integrifolia-Rhizocarpon umbilicatum Tundra (n=2)

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| DRA CORY | 0.0 | 1 | 1 | PAR MUDI | 0.010 | 2 | 2 | CAR MEMB | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| CAR MISA | 0.040 | 1 | 0 | CAR SCIR | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | ERT ANGU | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| CAS TETR | 0.0 | 2 | 2 | TRS SPIC | 0.010 | 2 | 0 | POL VIVI | 0.0 | 1 | 1 |
| AME PARV | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | ORY INTE | -12.390 | 1 | 1 | SAL ARCT | 0.010 | 2 | 0 |

----- IN CONTROLS BUT NOT IN DISTURBANCES -----

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| MEL APET | 0.010 | 0 | 2 | MIN ARCT | -0.010 | 0 | 2 | MIN R EL | -0.040 | 0 | 2 |
| CHR INTE | -0.010 | 0 | 2 | SEN CYMB | -0.250 | 0 | 2 | DRA CORY | -0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| SME BURE | -0.010 | 0 | 2 | CAR GLAC | -0.340 | 0 | 2 | CAR PETR | -0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| CAR RUPE | -0.010 | 0 | 2 | ELO SERO | -0.040 | 0 | 2 | POL VIVI | -0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| AMO CHAM | -0.250 | 0 | 2 | THA ALPI | -0.010 | 0 | 2 | ORY INTE | -12.400 | 0 | 2 |
| POT UNIF | -0.010 | 0 | 2 | SAL DOOG | 0.190 | 0 | 2 | SAL RETI | -0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| SAR OPPN | -0.040 | 0 | 2 | PEO LANA | -0.040 | 0 | 2 | ALO OCUR | -0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| CET COCU | -0.250 | 0 | 2 | CET ISLA | -0.090 | 0 | 2 | CET NIVA | -0.190 | 0 | 2 |
| CET PINA | -0.010 | 0 | 2 | LEC EPIB | -0.290 | 0 | 2 | OAC BERT | -0.010 | 0 | 2 |
| EVE PERE | -0.010 | 0 | 2 | MOSS SPP | -0.250 | 0 | 2 | THA SUBU | -0.950 | 0 | 2 |
| HEPATICS | 0.0 | 0 | 2 | TOR TORT | 0.0 | 0 | 2 | CAM STEL | 0.0 | 0 | 2 |
| HYP BAMB | 0.0 | 0 | 2 | | | | | | | | |

M.4 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Gravel Pits (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)
In Dryas integrifolia-Rhizocarpon umbilicatum Tundra (n=4)

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR |
|-----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| CAM UNIF | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | MEL APET | 0.005 | 2 | 1 |
| MIN R EL | 0.310 | 2 | 1 | MIN ARCT | 0.160 | 4 | 3 |
| STE EOWA | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | SIL ACAR | 0.020 | 2 | 1 |
| SEMIC SP | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | CHR INTE | -0.130 | 1 | 1 |
| DRA CORY | -0.020 | 3 | 3 | BRA POMP | 0.320 | 2 | 2 |
| SME ONHE | 0.280 | 1 | 1 | CAR GLAC | -0.330 | 1 | 1 |
| CAR MEMB | -1.270 | 3 | 2 | CAR MISA | 1.055 | 2 | 1 |
| CAR SCIR | -1.280 | 2 | 1 | KOB MYOS | 0.010 | 2 | 0 |
| KOB STMP | 5.930 | 1 | 0 | POA SP | 0.010 | 2 | 0 |
| PDA ARCT | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | JUN BALI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| JUN BIGL | 0.0 | 1 | 0 | HEO WACK | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| ORY JORO | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | PIN VULG | 0.130 | 1 | 1 |
| LLO SERO | 0.005 | 2 | 1 | TOF POST | -0.610 | 1 | 1 |
| PAPAV SP | 0.010 | 2 | 0 | ARM MART | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| POL VIVI | -0.130 | 4 | 1 | AMO CHAM | 0.705 | 2 | 2 |
| THA ALPI | 0.070 | 2 | 1 | ORY INTE | -14.235 | 3 | 3 |
| POT FROT | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | SAL ALAR | 0.453 | 3 | 3 |
| SAL ARBU | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | CAR DOOG | -0.220 | 2 | 1 |
| SAL GLAD | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | SAL A AP | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| SAL RETI | 4.495 | 3 | 2 | SAX ATZO | 0.040 | 1 | 0 |
| SAX OPPO | 0.157 | 3 | 2 | PEO SUDE | 0.010 | 1 | 0 |
| ALO OCUR | -0.010 | 1 | 0 | THA SUBU | -0.030 | 1 | 0 |
| SUILL TIC | 14.500 | 1 | 0 | MOSS SPP | -3.020 | 2 | 2 |
| ENC ALPI | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | | | | |

----- IN CONTROLS BUT NOT IN DISTURBANCES -----

| SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV DIF | DISIB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|-----------|---------|-------|-------|
| MIN R EL | 0.250 | 0 | 1 | SIL ACAR | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| STE EOWA | -0.190 | 0 | 2 | CHR INTE | 0.430 | 0 | 2 |
| SEMIC SP | 0.140 | 0 | 1 | PAR MUDI | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| CAR CAPT | 0.340 | 0 | 2 | CAR MISA | -0.340 | 0 | 2 |
| CAR PETR | -0.010 | 0 | 3 | CAR VAGI | -0.250 | 0 | 4 |
| ERT ANGU | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | CAS TETR | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| RHU TAPP | 0.010 | 0 | 1 | JUN OIGL | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| PAP HADI | 0.140 | 0 | 2 | PYRUL SP | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| THA ALPI | 0.010 | 0 | 2 | POT UNIF | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| SAL ARCT | 0.290 | 0 | 2 | SAX OPPO | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| PEO CAPT | 0.010 | 0 | 2 | PEO LANA | -0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| TER ALGA | 0.250 | 0 | 1 | CET COCU | 0.425 | 0 | 2 |
| CET ISLA | 0.090 | 0 | 1 | CET NIVA | -0.100 | 0 | 2 |
| CET PINA | 0.010 | 0 | 3 | OAC ARCT | 0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| OAC BERT | -0.010 | 0 | 1 | EVE PERE | 0.010 | 0 | 1 |
| LFC EPUB | -2.570 | 0 | 2 | SOL HISP | 1.000 | 0 | 1 |
| THA SUBU | 0.323 | 0 | 3 | RHE OMOT | -12.450 | 0 | 2 |
| HEPATICS | 0.0 | 0 | 2 | BYT TORT | 0.0 | 0 | 1 |
| HYPRUM | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | OTT FIER | 0.0 | 0 | 1 |
| URS CAPT | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | MOU JULA | 0.0 | 0 | 1 |
| URS CAPT | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | HYPR BAMB | 0.0 | 0 | 1 |
| URS CAPT | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | TOM NITE | 0.0 | 0 | 2 |
| TOR FRAG | 0.0 | 0 | 1 | TOR TORT | 0.0 | 0 | 2 |

N.2 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Bladed Trails (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)
In Saxicolous Lichen-Lecanora epibryon Tundra (n=1)

| SPECIES | COV | DIF | OISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV | DIF | OISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV | DIF | OISTB | CONTR |
|----------|--------|-----|-------|-------|----------|--------|-----|-------|-------|----------|---------|-----|-------|-------|
| MEL APET | -0.080 | | 1 | 1 | MIN ARCT | 0.0 | | 1 | 1 | MIN REL | -0.250 | | 1 | 1 |
| CHR INTE | -0.050 | | 1 | 1 | SEN CYMB | 0.0 | | 1 | 1 | DRA CORY | -0.250 | | 1 | 1 |
| CAR GLAC | -0.240 | | 1 | 1 | CAR PETR | -4.840 | | 1 | 1 | CAR RUPE | -2.840 | | 1 | 1 |
| AND CHAM | -0.130 | | 1 | 1 | THA ALPI | -0.240 | | 1 | 1 | DRY INTE | 0.0 | | 1 | 1 |
| SAL ALAR | 0.130 | | 1 | 1 | SAL ARCT | -0.030 | | 1 | 1 | SAL DOOG | -0.080 | | 1 | 1 |
| SAX OPPO | 0.210 | | 1 | 1 | OAC RAMU | 0.010 | | 1 | 0 | SAX LICH | -14.260 | | 1 | 1 |

----- IN CONTROLS BUT NOT IN DISTURBANCES -----

| SPECIES | COV | DIF | OISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV | DIF | OISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV | DIF | OISTB | CONTR |
|----------|--------|-----|-------|-------|----------|--------|-----|-------|-------|----------|---------|-----|-------|-------|
| BRA PUMP | -0.010 | | 0 | 1 | PAR MUOI | -0.010 | | 0 | 1 | CAR ATFU | -0.010 | | 0 | 1 |
| CAR SCIR | -5.100 | | 0 | 1 | KOB SIMP | -0.010 | | 0 | 1 | CAS TETR | -0.010 | | 0 | 1 |
| LLO SERO | 0.010 | | 0 | 1 | TDF PUST | -0.190 | | 0 | 1 | PAP KEEL | -0.010 | | 0 | 1 |
| POL VIVI | -0.140 | | 0 | 1 | WOB GLAB | -0.010 | | 0 | 1 | POT VAHL | -0.040 | | 0 | 1 |
| SAL POLA | 0.010 | | 0 | 1 | SAL RETI | -0.010 | | 0 | 1 | PEDIC SP | -0.010 | | 0 | 1 |
| PEO LANA | -0.090 | | 0 | 1 | CET FILE | -0.010 | | 0 | 1 | LEC EPIB | -23.500 | | 0 | 1 |
| THA SUBU | -0.010 | | 0 | 1 | POL HYPE | 0.0 | | 0 | 1 | MOSS SPP | -0.010 | | 0 | 1 |
| AMBLYSTE | 0.0 | | 0 | 1 | BRYUM SP | 0.0 | | 0 | 1 | CAT NIGR | 0.0 | | 0 | 1 |
| HYP BAMB | -0.010 | | 0 | 1 | TOM NITE | 0.0 | | 0 | 1 | TOR ARCT | 0.0 | | 0 | 1 |

N.3 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Gravel Pits (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)
In Saxicolous Lichen-Lecanora epibryon Tundra (n=2)

| SPECIES | COV | DIF | OISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV | DIF | OISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV | DIF | OISTB | CONTR |
|----------|--------|-----|-------|-------|----------|--------|-----|-------|-------|----------|--------|-----|-------|-------|
| MEL APET | -0.050 | | 1 | 1 | MIN ARCT | -0.215 | | 2 | 2 | MIN REL | -0.250 | | 1 | 1 |
| MIN ROSS | 0.005 | | 2 | 1 | STE EOWA | 0.010 | | 1 | 0 | SIE MUNA | 0.010 | | 1 | 0 |
| AST ALPI | 0.010 | | 1 | 0 | BRA PUMP | 0.0 | | 1 | 1 | DRA CORY | -0.150 | | 2 | 2 |
| PAR MUOI | -0.590 | | 1 | 0 | CAR GLAC | -0.060 | | 1 | 1 | CAR MISA | 0.850 | | 1 | 0 |
| POA SP | 0.010 | | 1 | 0 | THS SPIC | 0.140 | | 1 | 0 | LLO SERO | 0.030 | | 1 | 1 |
| PAP KILL | 0.030 | | 1 | 1 | POL VIVI | 0.125 | | 2 | 2 | AND CHAM | 0.010 | | 2 | 2 |
| DRY INTE | -2.635 | | 2 | 2 | SAL ALAR | 0.070 | | 2 | 1 | SAL ARBU | 0.0 | | 1 | 1 |
| SAL ARCT | -0.030 | | 1 | 1 | SAL DOOG | -0.190 | | 2 | 2 | SAL GLAU | 0.010 | | 1 | 0 |
| SAL POLA | 0.0 | | 1 | 1 | SAL A XP | 0.010 | | 1 | 0 | SAL RETI | 0.010 | | 1 | 0 |
| SAX OPPO | 0.315 | | 2 | 2 | PED LANA | -0.380 | | 1 | 1 | PEO SUDE | 0.010 | | 1 | 0 |
| SOIL LIC | 43.500 | | 1 | 0 | COLLENA | 0.0 | | 1 | 0 | HYP BAMB | 0.010 | | 1 | 1 |

----- IN CONTROLS BUT NOT IN DISTURBANCES -----

| SPECIES | COV | DIF | OISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV | DIF | OISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV | DIF | OISTB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-----|-------|-------|----------|--------|-----|-------|-------|----------|---------|-----|-------|-------|
| CHR INTE | -0.050 | | 0 | 2 | SEN CYMB | -0.010 | | 0 | 2 | PAR MUOI | -0.010 | | 0 | 1 |
| CAR ATFU | -0.010 | | 0 | 1 | CAR MISA | -0.800 | | 0 | 1 | CAR PETR | -4.850 | | 0 | 1 |
| CAR RUPE | -2.850 | | 0 | 1 | CAR SCIR | -5.100 | | 0 | 1 | KOB SIMP | -0.010 | | 0 | 1 |
| CAS TETR | -0.010 | | 0 | 1 | TDF PUST | -0.190 | | 0 | 1 | PAP KEEL | -0.010 | | 0 | 1 |
| WOB GLAB | 0.010 | | 0 | 1 | THA ALPI | -0.250 | | 0 | 1 | POT VAHL | -0.040 | | 0 | 1 |
| SAL ARCT | -0.140 | | 0 | 1 | SAL POLA | -0.010 | | 0 | 1 | SAL RETI | -0.010 | | 0 | 1 |
| PEOIC SP | -0.010 | | 0 | 1 | CET FILE | -1.100 | | 0 | 2 | LEC EPIB | -23.500 | | 0 | 1 |
| SOI BISP | -0.140 | | 0 | 1 | THA SUBU | -0.050 | | 0 | 2 | SOIL LIC | -13.010 | | 0 | 1 |
| SAX LICH | -30.200 | | 0 | 2 | POL HYPE | 0.0 | | 0 | 2 | POL GOIH | 0.0 | | 0 | 1 |
| PUL INTE | 0.0 | | 0 | 1 | MOSS SPP | -0.145 | | 0 | 1 | AMBLYSTE | 0.0 | | 0 | 1 |
| BRA TURG | 0.0 | | 0 | 1 | BRYUM SP | 0.0 | | 0 | 1 | CAT NIGR | 0.0 | | 0 | 1 |
| HYP BAMB | -0.010 | | 0 | 1 | DRY CRYS | 0.0 | | 0 | 1 | TOM NITE | 0.0 | | 0 | 1 |
| TOR ANCT | 0.0 | | 0 | 1 | TOR TORI | 0.0 | | 0 | 1 | | | | | |

N.1 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Roads (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)
In Saxicolous Lichen-Lecanora epibryon Tundra (n=3)

| SPECIES | COV | DIF | OISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV | DIF | OISTB | CONTR |
|-----------|---------|-----|-------|-------|----------|--------|-----|-------|-------|
| ARE IMIM | 0.010 | | 1 | 0 | MIN ARCT | 0.037 | | 3 | 3 |
| MIN REL | 0.0 | | 1 | 1 | SIE EOWA | 0.140 | | 1 | 0 |
| ANT DIENS | 0.010 | | 1 | 0 | SEN CYMB | 0.0 | | 2 | 2 |
| BRA PUMP | 0.320 | | 3 | 3 | LES ARCT | 0.010 | | 1 | 0 |
| PAR MUOI | -0.137 | | 3 | 3 | POA SP | 0.010 | | 1 | 0 |
| POA GLAU | 0.010 | | 2 | 0 | PAP KEEL | -0.130 | | 1 | 1 |
| POL VIVI | -0.065 | | 2 | 2 | THA ALPI | 0.600 | | 1 | 0 |
| DRY INTE | -4.273 | | 3 | 3 | POT BIFL | -0.010 | | 1 | 0 |
| SAL ALAR | 2.125 | | 2 | 2 | SAL DOOG | -0.610 | | 3 | 3 |
| SAL PHIA | 0.0 | | 1 | 1 | ALE OLHR | 0.040 | | 1 | 0 |
| SOIL LIC | -32.440 | | 1 | 1 | BRYUM SP | 0.0 | | 1 | 0 |
| CAM STEL | 0.0 | | 1 | 0 | | | | | |

----- IN CONTROLS BUT NOT IN DISTURBANCES -----

| SPECIES | COV | DIF | OISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV | DIF | OISTB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-----|-------|-------|----------|---------|-----|-------|-------|
| MIN REL | -0.900 | | 0 | 1 | CHR INTE | 0.010 | | 0 | 1 |
| SEN CYMB | -0.010 | | 0 | 1 | CAR ATFU | -0.010 | | 0 | 1 |
| CAR MISA | -1.180 | | 0 | 2 | CAR PETR | -4.850 | | 0 | 1 |
| CAR SCIR | -2.555 | | 0 | 2 | ERT ARBU | -0.010 | | 0 | 2 |
| CAS TETR | 0.010 | | 0 | 1 | LLO SERO | 0.010 | | 0 | 1 |
| PAP KEEL | -0.025 | | 0 | 2 | POL VIVI | -0.010 | | 0 | 1 |
| AND CHAM | -0.035 | | 0 | 2 | THA ALPI | -0.250 | | 0 | 1 |
| SAL ARBU | 0.010 | | 0 | 1 | PEDIC SP | 0.010 | | 0 | 2 |
| SAL RETI | 0.010 | | 0 | 1 | LEC EPIB | -0.010 | | 0 | 1 |
| PED ARCT | -0.010 | | 0 | 1 | CET FILE | -0.737 | | 0 | 1 |
| CET NIYA | 0.010 | | 0 | 1 | SOI BISP | -0.140 | | 0 | 3 |
| LEC EPIB | 23.500 | | 0 | 1 | SAX LICH | -29.967 | | 0 | 1 |
| SOIL LIC | -13.010 | | 0 | 1 | POL INTE | 0.0 | | 0 | 2 |
| PUL GOIH | 0.0 | | 0 | 1 | BRA TURG | 0.0 | | 0 | 1 |
| AMBLYSTE | 0.0 | | 0 | 1 | DIT FLEX | 0.0 | | 0 | 3 |
| CAT NIGR | 0.0 | | 0 | 1 | TOM NITE | 0.0 | | 0 | 1 |
| DRY CRYS | 0.0 | | 0 | 1 | | | | | |
| TOR TORI | 0.0 | | 0 | 1 | | | | | |



0.2 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between False Start Roads (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)

In Rhizocarpon inarense-Umbilicaria proboscidea Tundra (n=1)

| SPECIES | COV | DIF | CONTR | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV | DIF | CONTR | DISTB | CONTR |
|----------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| BET GLAN | 0 | 0.040 | 1 | 0 | 0 | SIL ACAC | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| STI LAMI | 0 | 0.250 | 1 | 0 | 0 | ANT ARCT | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| ERI INMI | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 | CAR BEL | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| DRA GLAB | 0 | 0.440 | 1 | 0 | 0 | CAR LUG | 4 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| EMP NIGR | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 | CAL PURP | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| FES ALTA | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 | PDA ARCT | 0 | 0.650 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| TOS SPIC | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 | PIC GLAU | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| POL VIVI | 0 | 0.140 | 1 | 0 | 0 | CYS FRAG | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| THA ALPI | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 | DRY INTE | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| PUP BAL | 0 | 0.190 | 1 | 0 | 0 | SAL ALAK | 0 | 0.040 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| SAE ODOG | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 | PEL RUFE | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| ABI ABIE | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 | CAM CHRY | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| HYP REVO | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 | TOR FRAG | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| TOR MOCH | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | |

----- IN CONTROLS BUT NOT IN DISTURBANCES -----

| SPECIES | COV | DIF | CONTR | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV | DIF | CONTR | DISTB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-----|-------|-------|-------|
| ALE OCH | 0 | 0.010 | 0 | 0 | 0 | BAC ALPI | -0.010 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CLA DEFO | -0.010 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | CLA GR | -0.010 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| DAC RAMU | -0.010 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | OMP UCU | -0.440 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PAR CEM | -0.010 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | PHY CAES | -0.010 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CRUSTOSE | -37.500 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | RHIZO SP | -53.000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| HEPATICS | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | AND RUPE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

0.3 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Bladed Trails (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)

In Rhizocarpon inarense-Umbilicaria proboscidea Tundra (n=2)

| SPECIES | COV | DIF | CONTR | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV | DIF | CONTR | DISTB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| ANTEN SP | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 | CRE NANA | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| EMP NIGR | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 | CAS TETR | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| VAC ULIG | 0 | 0.010 | 2 | 0 | 0 | PDA ARCT | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| POL VIVI | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 | SAL ALAK | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| ASA CHRY | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 | BAC RUFE | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| CET NIYA | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 | CET TITE | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| CLA COCC | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | CLA GR | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CLA UNCT | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | CLA SPP | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| THA VERM | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 | UMB HYPE | 0 | 0.250 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| CRUSTOSE | -26.500 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | SAX LICH | 9.000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| RHI EUPE | 12.440 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | LEC JORA | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BAC CARN | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | HEPATICS | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| HYP RLVO | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | PIN MOTA | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| RHA LAMU | 0 | 0.015 | 2 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | |

----- IN CONTROLS BUT NOT IN DISTURBANCES -----

| SPECIES | COV | DIF | CONTR | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV | DIF | CONTR | DISTB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------|--------|-----|-------|-------|-------|
| BAC ALPI | 0 | 0.010 | 0 | 0 | 0 | CLA COCC | -0.010 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CLA GR | 0 | 0.010 | 0 | 0 | 0 | CLA FLIU | -0.010 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| OMP KHAS | -0.440 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | PAR CEM | -0.010 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| POL SPMO | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | UMB HYPE | -3.040 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| RHIZO SP | -53.000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | RHI INAR | -9.050 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TECTONIA | 0 | 0.010 | 0 | 0 | 0 | HEPATICS | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

0.1 Cover Differences (Cov.Dif.) Between Roads (Distb.) and Their Controls (Contr.)

In Rhizocarpon inarense-Umbilicaria proboscidea Tundra (n=4)

| SPECIES | COV | DIF | CONTR | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV | DIF | CONTR | DISTB | CONTR |
|----------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| BET GLAN | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 | MIN ARCT | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| MIN BIFL | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 | MIN R EL | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| MIN RUBE | 5 | 0.010 | 2 | 0 | 0 | STEL SP | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| ANTEN SP | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 | ANT DEMS | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| ARN LESS | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 | ANT ARCT | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| PET FRIG | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 | SUL MUL | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| CAREX SP | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 | CAR BEL | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| CAS TETR | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 | CAR GLAC | 2 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| ALP VIOL | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 | LED DECU | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| FES BRAC | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 | CAL PURP | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| PDA ARCT | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 | PDA SP | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| OMP ALBE | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 | LOS SPIC | 1 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| EPI LATI | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 | DRY CAST | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| ANE PARV | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 | DRY NIGR | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| POT BIFL | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 | AND GIVAM | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| POT HYPA | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 | DRY OCTO | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| SAL ALAK | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 | POT FRUT | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| SAL PULA | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 | PUP BAL | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| SAX TRIC | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 | SAL PLAN | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| STI TOME | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 | SAX OPPO | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| COLLEMA | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 | PEL CAM | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| HEPATICS | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 | SOTL LIT | 1 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| ABI ABIE | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 | STERE SP | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| POL JHMT | 1 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 | POLYT SP | 2 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| TOR MULR | 0 | 0.010 | 1 | 0 | 0 | PDC ALPI | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

----- IN CONTROLS BUT NOT IN DISTURBANCES -----

| SPECIES | COV | DIF | CONTR | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | COV | DIF | CONTR | DISTB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| ALY RIGI | 0 | 0.290 | 0 | 0 | 0 | BAC ALPI | -0.010 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CET TITE | 0 | 0.010 | 0 | 0 | 0 | CLA DEFO | -0.010 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CLA GR | 0 | 0.010 | 0 | 0 | 0 | CLA COCC | -0.010 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| DAC RAMU | 0 | 0.010 | 0 | 0 | 0 | OMP ARCT | 0 | 0.010 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PAR CEM | 0 | 0.010 | 0 | 0 | 0 | OMP KHAS | 0 | 0.440 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| UMB HYPE | -3.040 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | PUL SEMO | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SAX EICH | -31.000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | CRUSTOSE | -18.227 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| LEC PANT | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | RHI INAR | -9.050 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| HEPATICS | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | LEC GLAU | -0.010 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| GRIMMIA | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | AND RUPE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| SPECIES | CUV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | CUV DIF | DISTB | CONTR |
|-----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| BELL GLAN | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | MIM ARCT | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| STELL SP | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | CAR BELL | 0 600 | 1 | 0 |
| CAR PUOD | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | CAS TETR | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| VAC VITI | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | CAL LAPP | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| HIE ALPI | 0 010 | 1 | 0 | PUR ARCT | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| LULZ CONF | 0 650 | 1 | 0 | LUZ NIVA | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| SAL A XP | 0 040 | 1 | 0 | LUT RETI | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| CET TILE | 0 040 | 1 | 0 | CLA MITL | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| TIA SUBU | 0 040 | 1 | 0 | SAR TICN | -2 120 | 1 | 0 |
| POL COMM | 15 540 | 1 | 0 | PUL JUMI | 0 010 | 1 | 0 |
| PUL STRI | 15 540 | 1 | 0 | | | | |

IN CONTROLS BUT NOT IN DISTURBANCES ----

| SPECIES | CUV DIF | DISTB | CONTR | SPECIES | CUV DIF | DISTB | CONTR |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| ALE OCTM | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | BAC ALPI | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| CLA OEFQ | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | CLA G GR | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| OAR RAMU | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | DMP OECU | -0 440 | 0 | 1 |
| PAR CENT | -0 010 | 0 | 1 | PHY CAES | -0 010 | 0 | 1 |
| CROSTONE | -37 500 | 0 | 1 | RHIZO SP | 53 000 | 0 | 1 |
| HEPATICS | 0 010 | 0 | 1 | MOSS SPP | -2 120 | 0 | 1 |
| HA LAHU | 0 010 | 0 | 1 | | | | |

APPENDIX VI: SHRUB AGES - RAW DATA

Appendix VI
Shrub Ages: Raw Data

| Site | Seq | Type | RMP | Veg | Elev | Lat | Long | Date | Diam | Hgt | Species |
|------|-----|------|------|-----|------|------|-------|------|------|------|---------|
| 002 | 0 | 0 | 2219 | 1 | 4120 | 6318 | 12948 | 1877 | 0000 | 0000 | 6 |
| 003 | 0 | 1 | 2216 | 1 | 4120 | 6318 | 12947 | 1959 | 0450 | 0000 | 6 |
| 003 | 0 | 5 | 2216 | 1 | 4120 | 6318 | 12947 | 1964 | 0650 | 0680 | 6 |
| 004 | 0 | 1 | 2202 | 1 | 4150 | 6320 | 12945 | 1953 | 1530 | 1680 | 3 |
| 004 | 0 | 3 | 2202 | 1 | 4150 | 6320 | 12945 | 1951 | 0780 | 0320 | 3 |
| 004 | 0 | 6 | 2202 | 1 | 4120 | 6320 | 12945 | 1946 | 1100 | 1750 | 6 |
| 009 | 0 | 3 | 2165 | 1 | 5025 | 6322 | 12942 | 1957 | 0000 | 0000 | 1 |
| 009 | 0 | 6 | 2165 | 1 | 5030 | 6322 | 12942 | 1950 | 1720 | 1800 | 1 |
| 009 | 0 | 7 | 2165 | 1 | 5030 | 6322 | 12942 | 1956 | 1300 | 1200 | 1 |
| 011 | 0 | 1 | 2165 | 3 | 5150 | 6322 | 12942 | 1948 | 0990 | 1730 | 1 |
| 014 | 0 | 1 | 2149 | 3 | 5160 | 6324 | 12940 | 1960 | 0850 | 1300 | 3 |
| 014 | 0 | 6 | 2150 | 3 | 5170 | 6324 | 12941 | 1952 | 0450 | 0460 | 3 |
| 017 | 0 | 3 | 2123 | 1 | 5450 | 6324 | 12940 | 1964 | 0270 | 0000 | 3 |
| 017 | 0 | 3 | 2123 | 1 | 5450 | 6324 | 12940 | 1962 | 0360 | 0000 | 3 |
| 020 | 0 | 1 | 2135 | 2 | 5430 | 6324 | 12939 | 1955 | 0700 | 0800 | 1 |
| 020 | 0 | 5 | 2135 | 1 | 5430 | 6324 | 12939 | 1955 | 0700 | 0500 | 3 |
| 020 | 0 | 6 | 2135 | 1 | 5430 | 6324 | 12939 | 1953 | 1100 | 1000 | 1 |
| 020 | 0 | 7 | 2135 | 2 | 5430 | 6324 | 12939 | 1956 | 0930 | 1170 | 1 |
| 022 | 0 | 6 | 2126 | 5 | 5480 | 6324 | 12938 | 1955 | 0270 | 0800 | 3 |
| 023 | 0 | 6 | 2119 | 8 | 5610 | 6324 | 12938 | 1952 | 0480 | 0900 | 3 |
| 024 | 0 | 5 | 2120 | 8 | 5460 | 6324 | 12938 | 1954 | 0300 | 0500 | 3 |
| 026 | 0 | 1 | 2120 | 3 | 5460 | 6324 | 12938 | 1955 | 0970 | 1750 | 3 |
| 028 | 0 | 5 | 2098 | 1 | 5165 | 6326 | 12934 | 1952 | 1180 | 0500 | 1 |
| 028 | 1 | 6 | 2095 | 1 | 5200 | 6326 | 12934 | 1956 | 1230 | 0900 | 1 |
| 028 | 0 | 1 | 2095 | 1 | 5200 | 6326 | 12934 | 1958 | 0780 | 1000 | 1 |
| 030 | 0 | 3 | 2042 | 1 | 4250 | 6326 | 12926 | 1949 | 1350 | 0800 | 6 |
| 031 | 0 | 4 | 2225 | 1 | 4155 | 6318 | 12949 | 1951 | 1300 | 1450 | 3 |
| 031 | 0 | 5 | 2225 | 1 | 4160 | 6318 | 12949 | 1947 | 1300 | 1300 | 3 |
| 031 | 1 | 3 | 2268 | 1 | 4350 | 6317 | 12956 | 1956 | 1250 | 1150 | 3 |
| 031 | 1 | 6 | 2268 | 1 | 4415 | 6317 | 12956 | 1954 | 1000 | 0750 | 3 |
| 031 | 2 | 3 | 2226 | 1 | 4160 | 6318 | 12949 | 1950 | 0860 | 0630 | 6 |
| 031 | 2 | 6 | 2227 | 1 | 4120 | 6318 | 12949 | 1948 | 0870 | 1200 | 6 |
| 035 | 0 | 1 | 2015 | 2 | 4280 | 6328 | 12921 | 1951 | 2300 | 2700 | 1 |
| 035 | 0 | 6 | 2015 | 2 | 4275 | 6328 | 12921 | 1953 | 0430 | 0450 | 1 |
| 037 | 0 | 1 | 2008 | 1 | 4430 | 6328 | 12919 | 1955 | 1050 | 1000 | 1 |
| 037 | 0 | 3 | 2008 | 1 | 4425 | 6328 | 12919 | 1946 | 1180 | 1730 | 1 |
| 037 | 0 | 3 | 2008 | 1 | 4425 | 6328 | 12919 | 1954 | 1180 | 1730 | 1 |
| 037 | 0 | 6 | 2008 | 1 | 4420 | 6328 | 12919 | 1956 | 1530 | 0620 | 1 |
| 037 | 0 | 7 | 2009 | 1 | 4440 | 6328 | 12919 | 1946 | 1340 | 0980 | 1 |
| 038 | 0 | 1 | 2006 | 1 | 4440 | 6329 | 12919 | 1949 | 1950 | 1800 | 1 |
| 042 | 0 | 6 | 1975 | 1 | 4610 | 6331 | 12916 | 1949 | 2900 | 1060 | 1 |
| 043 | 0 | 1 | 1960 | 1 | 4735 | 6332 | 12914 | 1961 | 0060 | 0400 | 2 |
| 043 | 0 | 1 | 1960 | 1 | 4735 | 6332 | 12914 | 1948 | 1500 | 0980 | 1 |
| 043 | 1 | 3 | 1961 | 1 | 4750 | 6332 | 12914 | 1957 | 0900 | 0320 | 2 |
| 043 | 1 | 3 | 1961 | 1 | 4750 | 6332 | 12914 | 1949 | 1960 | 1420 | 1 |
| 045 | 0 | 6 | 1948 | 1 | 4875 | 6332 | 12912 | 1952 | 1030 | 1170 | 8 |
| 047 | 0 | 6 | 1929 | 1 | 4880 | 6334 | 12912 | 1944 | 1520 | 2650 | 1 |
| 048 | 0 | 0 | 1953 | 1 | 4860 | 6332 | 12913 | 1927 | 0000 | 0000 | 2 |
| 048 | 1 | 6 | 1912 | 1 | 4840 | 6334 | 12912 | 1944 | 0000 | 0000 | 2 |

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| Site | Seq | Type | RMP | Veg | Elev | Lat | Long | Date | Diam | Hgt | Species |
|------|-----|------|------|-----|------|------|-------|------|------|------|---------|
| 051 | 1 | 6 | 1881 | 1 | 4800 | 6336 | 12906 | 1950 | 0980 | 1850 | 1 |
| 051 | 2 | 6 | 1877 | 1 | 4780 | 6336 | 12906 | 1947 | 0930 | 1330 | 3 |
| 070 | 0 | 1 | 0565 | 7 | 3240 | 6442 | 12711 | 1961 | 1600 | 1800 | 1 |
| 070 | 0 | 2 | 0565 | 7 | 3250 | 6442 | 12711 | 1957 | 0850 | 0350 | 1 |
| 070 | 0 | 6 | 0563 | 7 | 3240 | 6442 | 12711 | 1950 | 1500 | 1300 | 1 |
| 071 | 0 | 1 | 0568 | 7 | 3230 | 6442 | 12712 | 1957 | 0500 | 0390 | 1 |
| 072 | 0 | 1 | 0619 | 5 | 2810 | 6440 | 12719 | 1949 | 1350 | 1250 | 1 |
| 072 | 0 | 3 | 0612 | 5 | 2680 | 6440 | 12718 | 1951 | 1120 | 0820 | 1 |
| 072 | 0 | 6 | 0619 | 5 | 2840 | 6440 | 12719 | 1947 | 1500 | 1950 | 1 |
| 073 | 0 | 2 | 0624 | 2 | 3380 | 6441 | 12722 | 1959 | 0410 | 0860 | 1 |
| 074 | 0 | 6 | 0619 | 2 | 3100 | 6440 | 12721 | 1950 | 0600 | 0550 | 1 |
| 074 | 1 | 1 | 0619 | 2 | 3100 | 6440 | 12721 | 1960 | 0650 | 1380 | 1 |
| 075 | 0 | 1 | 0635 | 7 | 3420 | 6441 | 12722 | 1957 | 0050 | 0080 | 1 |
| 076 | 0 | 1 | 0636 | 5 | 3410 | 6441 | 12722 | 1957 | 0340 | 1040 | 1 |
| 076 | 0 | 2 | 0637 | 5 | 3400 | 6441 | 12722 | 1954 | 0230 | 0590 | 3 |
| 076 | 0 | 6 | 0636 | 5 | 3420 | 6441 | 12722 | 1957 | 0280 | 0770 | 1 |
| 077 | 0 | 3 | 0643 | 5 | 3140 | 6440 | 12723 | 1949 | 0950 | 2050 | 1 |
| 078 | 0 | 1 | 0647 | 5 | 3150 | 6440 | 12723 | 1948 | 0675 | 1480 | 1 |
| 078 | 0 | 6 | 0647 | 5 | 3160 | 6440 | 12723 | 1957 | 0470 | 1790 | 1 |
| 078 | 0 | 7 | 0647 | 5 | 3150 | 6440 | 12723 | 1956 | 0540 | 1480 | 1 |
| 079 | 0 | 1 | 0646 | 7 | 3160 | 6440 | 12723 | 1958 | 0040 | 0130 | 3 |
| 080 | 0 | 1 | 0662 | 5 | 3060 | 6442 | 12726 | 1953 | 3070 | 0750 | 1 |
| 081 | 0 | 1 | 0772 | 2 | 4445 | 6436 | 12742 | 1961 | 0520 | 1100 | 1 |
| 081 | 0 | 3 | 0772 | 2 | 4455 | 6436 | 12742 | 1950 | 0400 | 0960 | 1 |
| 082 | 0 | 1 | 0789 | 2 | 4645 | 6435 | 12744 | 1958 | 1070 | 1440 | 1 |
| 083 | 1 | 6 | 0803 | 6 | 4830 | 6434 | 12744 | 1951 | 0070 | 0550 | 1 |
| 082 | 0 | 6 | 0789 | 2 | 4650 | 6435 | 12744 | 1946 | 0675 | 0975 | 1 |
| 083 | 2 | 6 | 0803 | 6 | 4830 | 6434 | 12744 | 1958 | 0200 | 1250 | 1 |
| 083 | 0 | 7 | 0803 | 6 | 4835 | 6434 | 12744 | 1950 | 0400 | 1600 | 1 |
| 083 | 0 | 7 | 0803 | 6 | 4835 | 6434 | 12744 | 1950 | 0400 | 1600 | 1 |
| 084 | 0 | 1 | 0805 | 3 | 4820 | 6434 | 12744 | 1954 | 0250 | 1140 | 1 |
| 084 | 0 | 6 | 0805 | 3 | 4830 | 6434 | 12744 | 1945 | 0270 | 0980 | 1 |
| 085 | 0 | 1 | 0853 | 2 | 5210 | 6432 | 12749 | 1967 | 0055 | 0160 | 1 |
| 085 | 0 | 6 | 0853 | 2 | 5210 | 6432 | 12749 | 1958 | 0000 | 0000 | 1 |
| 085 | 0 | 7 | 0853 | 2 | 5210 | 6432 | 12749 | 1962 | 0035 | 0210 | 1 |
| 086 | 0 | 0 | 0860 | 6 | 4790 | 6432 | 12750 | 1854 | 0490 | 1300 | 1 |
| 086 | 0 | 3 | 0860 | 6 | 4780 | 6432 | 12750 | 1960 | 0300 | 0760 | 1 |
| 086 | 0 | 6 | 0860 | 6 | 4780 | 6432 | 12750 | 1954 | 0370 | 1520 | 1 |
| 088 | 0 | 1 | 0845 | 6 | 5500 | 6433 | 12750 | 1960 | 0065 | 0490 | 1 |
| 088 | 0 | 3 | 0847 | 6 | 5475 | 6433 | 12750 | 1958 | 0040 | 0185 | 1 |
| 088 | 0 | 6 | 0847 | 6 | 5465 | 6433 | 12750 | 1956 | 0075 | 0380 | 1 |
| 089 | 0 | 1 | 0839 | 6 | 5600 | 6433 | 12750 | 1962 | 0040 | 0140 | 1 |
| 089 | 0 | 3 | 0841 | 6 | 5600 | 6433 | 12750 | 1954 | 0065 | 0345 | 1 |
| 090 | 0 | 1 | 0819 | 6 | 5115 | 6434 | 12748 | 1960 | 0125 | 1015 | 1 |
| 090 | 0 | 3 | 0819 | 6 | 5160 | 6434 | 12748 | 1952 | 0200 | 0990 | 1 |
| 090 | 0 | 6 | 0819 | 6 | 5130 | 6434 | 12748 | 1953 | 0190 | 1120 | 1 |
| 091 | 0 | 1 | 0808 | 6 | 4840 | 6434 | 12745 | 1950 | 0155 | 0770 | 1 |
| 091 | 0 | 1 | 0808 | 6 | 4840 | 6434 | 12745 | 1959 | 0320 | 1260 | 1 |
| 091 | 0 | 1 | 0808 | 6 | 4840 | 6434 | 12745 | 1962 | 0280 | 1450 | 1 |
| 091 | 0 | 3 | 0807 | 6 | 4850 | 6434 | 12745 | 1950 | 0230 | 0630 | 1 |
| 091 | 0 | 3 | 0807 | 6 | 4850 | 6434 | 12745 | 1959 | 0180 | 0500 | 1 |
| 091 | 0 | 3 | 0807 | 6 | 4850 | 6434 | 12745 | 1956 | 0650 | 1300 | 1 |
| 092 | 0 | 1 | 0809 | 8 | 4740 | 6434 | 12745 | 1960 | 0300 | 1700 | 1 |
| 092 | 0 | 1 | 0809 | 8 | 4740 | 6434 | 12745 | 1957 | 0000 | 0000 | 1 |
| 092 | 0 | 1 | 0809 | 8 | 4740 | 6434 | 12745 | 1963 | 0000 | 0000 | 1 |
| 092 | 0 | 3 | 0807 | 8 | 4680 | 6434 | 12745 | 1957 | 0290 | 1340 | 1 |
| 093 | 0 | 0 | 0799 | 2 | 4740 | 6434 | 12744 | 1867 | 0940 | 1980 | 1 |
| 093 | 0 | 1 | 0799 | 2 | 4720 | 6434 | 12744 | 1961 | 0550 | 1050 | 1 |
| 093 | 0 | 2 | 0799 | 2 | 4700 | 6434 | 12744 | 1949 | 0580 | 1190 | 1 |
| 093 | 0 | 6 | 0799 | 2 | 4740 | 6434 | 12744 | 1956 | 0320 | 0840 | 1 |

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| Site | Seq | Type | RMP | Veg | Elev | Lat | Long | Date | Diam | Hgt | Species |
|------|-----|------|------|-----|------|------|-------|------|------|------|---------|
| 094 | 0 | 1 | 0802 | 2 | 4780 | 6434 | 12744 | 1959 | 0180 | 0825 | 1 |
| 094 | 0 | 1 | 0802 | 2 | 4780 | 6434 | 12744 | 1958 | 0060 | 0365 | 4 |
| 094 | 0 | 3 | 0802 | 2 | 4780 | 6434 | 12744 | 1952 | 0410 | 2250 | 1 |
| 094 | 0 | 5 | 0802 | 2 | 4780 | 6434 | 12744 | 1955 | 0350 | 1020 | 1 |
| 096 | 0 | 1 | 0834 | 2 | 5500 | 6434 | 12749 | 1961 | 0055 | 0220 | 1 |
| 096 | 0 | 3 | 0834 | 2 | 5490 | 6434 | 12749 | 1959 | 0110 | 0480 | 1 |
| 096 | 0 | 6 | 0835 | 2 | 5500 | 6434 | 12749 | 1950 | 0340 | 0060 | 1 |
| 097 | 0 | 1 | 0828 | 2 | 5470 | 6434 | 12748 | 1968 | 0110 | 0410 | 1 |
| 098 | 0 | 1 | 0836 | 7 | 5520 | 6433 | 12750 | 1953 | 0040 | 0130 | 1 |
| 098 | 0 | 6 | 0836 | 7 | 5510 | 6433 | 12750 | 1955 | 0050 | 0205 | 1 |
| 099 | 0 | 1 | 0875 | 2 | 4510 | 6432 | 12750 | 1959 | 0910 | 0830 | 1 |
| 099 | 0 | 6 | 0875 | 2 | 4515 | 6432 | 12750 | 1954 | 0670 | 0480 | 1 |
| 100 | 0 | 1 | 0928 | 2 | 3910 | 6429 | 12754 | 1964 | 0350 | 1270 | 1 |
| 100 | 0 | 6 | 0927 | 2 | 4030 | 6429 | 12754 | 1949 | 0320 | 1140 | 1 |
| 100 | 0 | 7 | 0927 | 2 | 3975 | 6429 | 12754 | 1951 | 1700 | 2680 | 1 |
| 101 | 0 | 1 | 1048 | 2 | 4110 | 6424 | 12805 | 1958 | 0830 | 2250 | 1 |
| 101 | 0 | 3 | 1047 | 2 | 4090 | 6424 | 12805 | 1952 | 0320 | 1190 | 1 |
| 101 | 0 | 5 | 1048 | 2 | 4120 | 6424 | 12805 | 1952 | 0200 | 1050 | 1 |
| 101 | 0 | 6 | 1049 | 2 | 4150 | 6424 | 12805 | 1947 | 1050 | 1700 | 1 |
| 101 | 0 | 7 | 1049 | 2 | 4140 | 6424 | 12805 | 1949 | 1110 | 1760 | 1 |
| 101 | 1 | 8 | 1048 | 2 | 4120 | 6424 | 12805 | 1970 | 0210 | 0255 | 1 |
| 101 | 3 | 8 | 1048 | 2 | 4120 | 6424 | 12805 | 1957 | 0415 | 1530 | 1 |
| 103 | 0 | 1 | 1103 | 7 | 4890 | 6420 | 12810 | 1960 | 0025 | 0120 | 4 |
| 104 | 0 | 1 | 1114 | 4 | 4660 | 6420 | 12813 | 1959 | 1050 | 2600 | 1 |
| 104 | 0 | 3 | 1113 | 4 | 4680 | 6420 | 12813 | 1951 | 0550 | 1640 | 3 |
| 104 | 0 | 6 | 1115 | 4 | 4670 | 6420 | 12813 | 1951 | 0560 | 2050 | 3 |
| 106 | 0 | 2 | 1112 | 7 | 4610 | 6420 | 12812 | 1957 | 0530 | 1330 | 5 |
| 107 | 0 | 3 | 2313 | 5 | 4560 | 6315 | 13002 | 1949 | 1210 | 0950 | 3 |
| 107 | 0 | 5 | 2313 | 5 | 4570 | 6315 | 13002 | 1950 | 0520 | 0750 | 6 |
| 107 | 0 | 6 | 2313 | 5 | 4590 | 6315 | 13002 | 1956 | 0810 | 0970 | 3 |
| 107 | 0 | 7 | 2313 | 5 | 4580 | 6315 | 13002 | 1952 | 1570 | 1190 | 3 |
| 109 | 0 | 1 | 1107 | 4 | 4890 | 6420 | 12811 | 1960 | 0980 | 2320 | 1 |
| 109 | 0 | 3 | 1107 | 4 | 4810 | 6420 | 12811 | 1950 | 1080 | 0950 | 1 |
| 110 | 0 | 2 | 1102 | 1 | 4675 | 6420 | 12810 | 1948 | 2050 | 0740 | 7 |
| 110 | 0 | 6 | 1100 | 1 | 4690 | 6420 | 12810 | 1947 | 0800 | 2250 | 1 |
| 111 | 0 | 0 | 1102 | 4 | 4930 | 6420 | 12810 | 1813 | 0990 | 2950 | 1 |
| 111 | 0 | 1 | 1102 | 4 | 4890 | 6420 | 12810 | 1956 | 1550 | 2350 | 1 |
| 111 | 0 | 3 | 1102 | 4 | 4940 | 6420 | 12810 | 1947 | 1070 | 1460 | 1 |
| 111 | 0 | 6 | 1102 | 4 | 4920 | 6420 | 12810 | 1953 | 1370 | 1050 | 1 |
| 112 | 0 | 1 | 1079 | 2 | 4420 | 6420 | 12806 | 1957 | 0255 | 1140 | 1 |
| 112 | 0 | 3 | 1079 | 2 | 4420 | 6420 | 12806 | 1950 | 0850 | 0580 | 1 |
| 112 | 0 | 6 | 1080 | 2 | 4420 | 6420 | 12806 | 1968 | 0700 | 1330 | 1 |
| 112 | 0 | 7 | 1080 | 2 | 4420 | 6420 | 12806 | 1952 | 0400 | 1800 | 1 |
| 112 | 2 | 8 | 1080 | 2 | 4420 | 6420 | 12806 | 1963 | 0290 | 0620 | 1 |
| 113 | 0 | 2 | 1095 | 2 | 4550 | 6420 | 12809 | 1954 | 0780 | 1020 | 1 |
| 113 | 0 | 6 | 1095 | 2 | 4550 | 6420 | 12809 | 1953 | 0150 | 0300 | 1 |
| 114 | 0 | 1 | 1069 | 4 | 4320 | 6422 | 12807 | 1961 | 1350 | 1200 | 5 |
| 115 | 0 | 1 | 1066 | 4 | 4360 | 6422 | 12807 | 1960 | 1470 | 1400 | 1 |
| 115 | 0 | 3 | 1066 | 4 | 4350 | 6422 | 12807 | 1959 | 0300 | 0800 | 1 |
| 115 | 2 | 8 | 1066 | 4 | 4340 | 6422 | 12807 | 1964 | 0650 | 1150 | 1 |
| 117 | 0 | 3 | 2250 | 1 | 4310 | 6317 | 12953 | 1946 | 1140 | 1310 | 6 |
| 117 | 0 | 3 | 2250 | 1 | 4310 | 6317 | 12953 | 1949 | 1300 | 1300 | 3 |
| 117 | 0 | 6 | 2250 | 1 | 4300 | 6317 | 12953 | 1947 | 0950 | 1620 | 3 |
| 118 | 0 | 3 | 2274 | 1 | 4430 | 6317 | 12957 | 1949 | 0930 | 0680 | 3 |
| 118 | 0 | 3 | 2274 | 1 | 4430 | 6317 | 12957 | 1959 | 0720 | 0500 | 6 |
| 118 | 0 | 6 | 2274 | 1 | 4450 | 6317 | 12957 | 1956 | 0850 | 1380 | 3 |
| 118 | 0 | 6 | 2274 | 1 | 4450 | 6317 | 12957 | 1956 | 0910 | 1120 | 6 |



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- Site - site number (e.g. 001 to 118)
Seq - 0=only disturbance of that type sampled at that site
1=1st, 2=2nd and 3=3rd of two or more disturbances of that type sampled
Type - Site type (1) Road at that site.
(2) False Start Road
(3) Bladed Trail
(4) Camp Yard
(5) Bulldozer Track
(6) Gravel Pit
(7) Gravel Pit Access Road
(8) Oil Spill
RMP - Road milepost east (e.g. 221.9)
Veg - Physiognomic plant community
(1) Erect Deciduous Shrub Tundra
(2) Decumbent Shrub Tundra
(3) Sedge Meadow Tundra
(4) Lichen Heath Tundra
(5) Fruticose Lichen Tundra
(6) Cushion Plant Tundra
(7) Crustose Lichen Tundra
(8) Forb Meadow Tundra
Elev - Elevation in feet above sea level
Lat - Latitude (e.g. 6318=63 18' N.L.)
Long - Longitude (e.g. 12948=129 48')
Date - Minimum year of initiation of shrub growth
Diam - Maximum shrub canopy diameter in centimeters (e.g. 1215=121.5 cm)
Hgt - Maximum shrub canopy height in centimeters (e.g. 670=67.0 cm)
Species - Shrub species sampled
(1) *Salix alaxensis*
(2) *S. reticulata*
(3) *S. planifolia*
(4) *S. arctica*
(5) *S. arbusculoides*
(6) *Betula glandulosa*
(7) *Salix lanata*
(8) *S. glauca*
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APPENDIX VII: ABOVE-GROUND PHYTOMASS SUPPORTED UPON CANOL
DISTURBANCES

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Table A: Average control-corrected (c.c.) and uncorrected (u.) phytomass from control sites and CANOL Project disturbances, N.W.T. (g m^{-2})

| Site Type | | Herbaceous ^a | Woody | Undifferentiated | Total ^b | n |
|------------------------|------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|---------------------|----|
| Control | | 668.6 | 174.8(11.7%) ^c | 603.2 | 1,446.5 | 34 |
| Road | c.c. u. | -538.6 0 | -113.0 (20.7%) | -476.3 103.4 | -1,127.9 142.5 | 30 |
| False Start Road | c.c. u. | -793.8 0 | -267.1 35.3 (30.8%) | -84.0 79.3 | -1,144.9 114.7 | 3 |
| Bladed Trail | c.c. u. | -574.6 95.8 | -165.8 30.3 (11.0%) | -622.2 149.5 | -1,362.6 275.0 | 17 |
| Camp Yard | c.c. u. | -2,050.8 829.0 | -678.0 85.2 (9.3%) | 0 0 | -2,728.8 914.2 | 1 |
| Bulldozer Track | c.c. u. | -842.8 326.0 | -170.6 6.5 (6.5%) | -501.9 673.8 | -1,515.3 1,069.7 | 9 |
| Gravel Pit | c.c. u. | -613.2 6.3 | -187.0 27.2 (24.6%) | -488.6 59.2 | -1,288.8 92.7 | 25 |
| Gravel Pit Access Road | c.c. u. | -286.7 33.9 | -88.4 150.2 (38.4%) | -749.7 207.6 | -1,124.7 391.6 | 8 |
| Oil Spill | c.c. u. | -1,192.9 0 | -184.9 0 (0.0%) | -632.4 48.2 | -2,010.2 48.2 | 10 |

^a where quantities were large, herbaceous and woody (i.e. stems and leaves) subsamples were taken

^b total weight is the result of the addition of the 'herbaceous', 'woody' and 'undifferentiated' subsample weights

^c minimum percentage of total phytomass represented by woody species is recorded in brackets

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Table B: Control-corrected (c.c.) and uncorrected (u) phytomass data from CANOL disturbances, N.W.T. in Erect Deciduous Shrub Tundra

| Site Type | | Herbaceous | Woody | Undifferentiated | Total |
|------------------------|------|------------|--------|------------------|-----------|
| Control | | 2849.1 | 663.5 | 370.3 | 3,882.6 |
| Road | c.c. | -3,155.0 | -613.2 | -381.4 | -4,149.6 |
| | u. | 0 | 0 | 148.6 | 148.6 |
| False Start Road | c.c. | -1,594.6 | -657.4 | 6.8 | -2,245.2 |
| | u. | 0 | 106.0 | 108.6 | 214.6 |
| Bladed Trail | c.c. | -2,100.7 | -639.2 | -487.5 | -3,227.4 |
| | u. | 196.8 | 17.6 | 42.4 | 256.9 |
| Bulldozer Track | c.c. | -2,910.2 | -532.5 | 392.1 | -3,050.7 |
| | u. | 153.1 | 81.2 | 988.7 | 1,223.0 |
| Camp Yard | c.c. | -2,050.8 | -678.0 | 0 | -2,728.8 |
| | u. | 829.0 | 85.2 | 0 | 914.2 |
| Gravel Pit | c.c. | 2,136.9 | -626.4 | -402.0 | -3,165.4 |
| | u. | 20.0 | 51.7 | 42.3 | 114.0 |
| Gravel Pit Access Road | c.c. | 0 | -479.4 | -786.0 | -1,265.4 |
| | u. | 0 | 158.4 | 273.9 | 432.3 |
| Oil Spill | c.c. | -4,594.9 | -675.9 | 3.8 | -5,267.0 |
| | u. | 0 | 0 | 3.8 | 3.8 |
| Total | | | | | -25,099.5 |

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Table C: Control-corrected (c.c.) and uncorrected (u.) phytomass data from CANOL disturbances, N.W.T. in Decumbent Shrub Tundra (g m^{-2})

| Site Type | | Herbaceous | Woody | Undifferentiated | Total |
|------------------------|------|------------|-------|------------------|----------|
| Control | | 0 | 38.1 | 888.9 | 927.0 |
| Road | c.c. | 0 | -2.1 | -806.3 | -808.4 |
| | u. | 0 | 29.1 | 126.8 | 155.9 |
| False Start Road | c.c. | 0 | 0 | -350.6 | -350.6 |
| | u. | 0 | 0 | 37.6 | 37.6 |
| Bladed Trail | c.c. | 0 | -62.8 | -831.3 | -894.2 |
| | u. | 0 | 5.8 | 89.7 | 95.5 |
| Bulldozer Track | c.c. | 38.0 | -30.4 | -886.7 | -879.1 |
| | u. | 38.0 | 7.7 | 319.9 | 365.6 |
| Gravel Pit | c.c. | 0 | -3.7 | -812.4 | -816.1 |
| | u. | 0 | 39.2 | 21.8 | 61.0 |
| Gravel Pit Access Road | c.c. | 43.6 | 112.1 | -964.1 | -808.4 |
| | u. | 43.6 | 150.3 | 171.1 | 365.1 |
| Oil Spill | c.c. | 0 | -68.8 | -1,092.6 | -1,161.4 |
| | u. | 0 | 0 | 76.2 | 76.2 |
| Total | | | | | -5,714.2 |

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Table D: Control-corrected (c.c) and uncorrected (u.) phytomass data from CANCL disturbances, N.W.T. in Sedge Meadow Tundra (g m^{-2})

| Site Type | | Herbaceous | Woody | Undifferentiated | Total |
|-----------------|------|------------|--------|------------------|----------|
| Control | | 186.8 | 152.9 | 1,328.8 | 1,668.5 |
| Road | c.c. | 12.3 | -249.0 | -999.1 | -1,235.9 |
| | u. | 12.3 | 5.7 | 166.1 | 184.1 |
| Bladed Trail | c.c. | 0 | 0 | -1,316.2 | -1,316.2 |
| | u. | 0 | 0 | 1,793.8 | 1,793.8 |
| Bulldozer Track | c.c. | 0 | 0 | -971.2 | -971.2 |
| | u. | 0 | 0 | 2,138.8 | 2,138.8 |
| Gravel Pit | c.c. | 0 | -382.2 | -291.4 | -673.6 |
| | u. | 0 | 0 | 458.6 | 458.6 |
| Oil Spill | c.c. | -934.2 | 0 | 7.7 | -926.5 |
| | u. | 0 | 0 | 46.1 | 46.1 |
| Total | | | | | -5,123.4 |

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Table E: Control-corrected (c.c.) and uncorrected (u.) phytomass data from CANOL disturbances, N.W.T. in Lichen heath Tundra (g m^{-2})

| Site Type | | Herbaceous | Woody | Undifferentiated | Total |
|--------------|------|------------|--------|------------------|----------|
| Control | | 871.0 | 153.0 | 884.8 | 1,908.8 |
| Road | c.c. | -756.8 | 45.2 | -884.8 | -1,596.4 |
| | u. | 114.2 | 198.2 | 0 | 312.4 |
| Bladed Trail | c.c. | -555.0 | -60.4 | -884.8 | -1,500.2 |
| | u. | 316.0 | 92.6 | 0 | 408.6 |
| Gravel Pit | c.c. | -871.0 | -153.0 | -854.0 | -1,878.0 |
| | u. | 0 | 0 | 30.8 | 30.8 |
| Oil Spill | c.c. | -871.0 | -153.0 | -883.8 | -1,907.8 |
| | u. | 0 | 0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Total | | | | | -6,882.4 |

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Table F: Control-corrected (c.c.) and uncorrected (u.) phytomass data from CANOL disturbances, N.W.T. in Fruticose Licher Tundra (g m^{-2})

| Site Type | | Herbaceous | Woody | Undifferentiated | Total |
|------------------------|------|------------|--------|------------------|----------|
| Control | | 957.9 | 175.9 | 515.4 | 1,649.1 |
| Road | c.c. | -939.0 | -71.1 | 133.8 | -876.4 |
| | u. | 54.8 | 107.7 | 133.8 | 296.3 |
| False Start Road | c.c. | -786.8 | -143.8 | 91.8 | -838.8 |
| | u. | 0 | 0 | 91.8 | 91.8 |
| Bladed Trail | c.c. | -405.3 | 56.3 | -1,004.0 | -1,353.0 |
| | u. | 259.5 | 160.5 | 26.9 | 446.9 |
| Bulldozer Track | c.c. | 515.5 | 76.8 | -1,030.9 | -438.6 |
| | u. | 1,180.3 | 181.0 | 0 | 1,361.3 |
| Gravel Pit | c.c. | -943.4 | -149.2 | -493.7 | -1,586.2 |
| | u. | 14.4 | 26.7 | 21.8 | 62.9 |
| Gravel Pit Access Road | c.c. | -1,212.2 | -42.2 | -769.3 | -2,023.7 |
| | u. | 70.2 | 216.8 | 261.6 | 548.6 |
| Total | | | | | -7,116.7 |

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Table G: Control-corrected (c.c) and uncorrected (u.) phytomass data from CANOL disturbances, N.W.T. in Cushion Plant Tundra (g m^{-2})

| Site Type | | Herbaceous | Woody | Undifferentiated | Total |
|------------------------|------|------------|-------|------------------|--------|
| Control | | 0 | 0 | 79.9 | 79.9 |
| Road | c.c. | 0 | 0 | -57.2 | -57.2 |
| | u. | 0 | 0 | 25.1 | 25.1 |
| Bladed Trail | c.c. | 0 | 0 | -56.5 | -56.5 |
| | u. | 0 | 0 | 24.4 | 24.4 |
| Gravel Pit | c.c. | 0 | 0 | -79.7 | -79.7 |
| | u. | 0 | 0 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| Gravel Pit Access Road | c.c. | 0 | 0 | 5.6 | 5.6 |
| | u. | 0 | 0 | 76.0 | 76.0 |
| Total | | | | | -187.8 |

Appendix VII

Table H: Control-corrected (c.c) and uncorrected (u.) phytomass data from CANOL disturbances, N.W.T. in Crustose Lichen Tundra (g m^{-2})

| Site Type | | Herbaceous | Woody | Undifferentiated | Total |
|--------------|------|------------|-------|------------------|--------|
| Control | 0 | 0 | 0 | 204.4 | 74.1 |
| | | | | | |
| Road | c.c. | 0 | 0 | -46.0 | -46.0 |
| | u. | 0 | 0 | 28.1 | 28.1 |
| Bladed Trail | c.c. | 0 | 0 | -91.8 | -91.8 |
| | u. | 0 | 0 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| Gravel Pit | c.c. | 0 | 0 | -27.4 | -27.4 |
| | u. | 0 | 0 | 27.6 | 27.6 |
| Total | | | | | -165.2 |

APPENDIX VIII: WILDLIFE - RAW DATA

Appendix VIII
Wildlife: Raw Data

| Site | Seq | Type | RMP | Veg | Elev | Lat | Long | %Cover | | | Carib | | | Moose | | | Sheep Horse | | | Grnd.Squ | | | Microtine | | | Pt Fx Wf | Bear | Other | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------|-----|------|------|-----|------|------|-------|--------|------|------|-------|------|----|-------|----|------|-------------|------|----|----------|----|------|-----------|------|----|----------|------|-------|------|-----------|------|----|------|----|------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | | | | | Q | M | P | Tr | Drop | Tr | Drop | Tr | Drop | Tr | Drop | Tr | Drop | Tr | Drop | Tr | Drop | Tr | | | | Drop | Tr | Drop | Tr | Drop | Tr | Drop | | | | | | | | | | |
| 002 | 0 | 0 | 2219 | 1 | 4120 | 6318 | 12948 | 0752 | 0000 | 9248 | | | | | | | | | | 07 | 01 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 002 | 0 | 1 | 2219 | 1 | 4120 | 6318 | 12948 | 0259 | 6300 | 3441 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 002 | 0 | 5 | 2219 | 1 | 4120 | 6318 | 12948 | 0320 | 0015 | 9665 | 01 | | | | 01 | | | 02 | 04 | 05 | | 01 | 02 | | | 02 | 02 | 01 | | 01 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 002 | 0 | 6 | 2219 | 1 | 4120 | 6318 | 12948 | 0015 | 9782 | 0203 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 002 | 0 | 7 | 2219 | 1 | 4120 | 6318 | 12948 | 0015 | 9782 | 0203 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 003 | 0 | 0 | 2216 | 1 | 4120 | 6318 | 12947 | 0137 | 0000 | 9863 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 003 | 0 | 1 | 2216 | 1 | 4120 | 6318 | 12947 | 0500 | 2000 | 7500 | 01 | | | | | | 05 | 03 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 003 | 0 | 3 | 2216 | 1 | 4120 | 6318 | 12947 | 0547 | 4350 | 5103 | 05 | | | | | | | 02 | | | | 01 | 02 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 003 | 1 | 8 | 2216 | 1 | 4120 | 6318 | 12947 | 3600 | 6200 | 0043 | 01 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 009 | 0 | 0 | 2165 | 1 | 5030 | 6322 | 12942 | 0280 | 0210 | 9510 | 01 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 009 | 0 | 1 | 2165 | 1 | 5025 | 6322 | 12942 | 0752 | 3800 | 5448 | | | | | | | 05 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 009 | 0 | 3 | 2165 | 1 | 5025 | 6322 | 12942 | 0203 | 4201 | 4405 | 08 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 009 | 0 | 5 | 2165 | 1 | 5030 | 6322 | 12942 | 0091 | 2700 | 7209 | 05 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 009 | 0 | 6 | 2165 | 1 | 5030 | 6322 | 12942 | 0045 | 8550 | 1405 | 04 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 009 | 0 | 7 | 2165 | 1 | 5030 | 6322 | 12942 | 0065 | 3950 | 5985 | 04 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 011 | 0 | 0 | 2165 | 3 | 5160 | 6322 | 12942 | 0901 | 0000 | 9099 | 02 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 011 | 0 | 1 | 2165 | 3 | 5150 | 6322 | 12942 | 0901 | 0000 | 9099 | | | | | | | 02 | 02 | | | 01 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 014 | 0 | 0 | 2149 | 3 | 5160 | 6324 | 12940 | 0055 | 0271 | 9675 | 03 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 014 | 0 | 1 | 2149 | 3 | 5160 | 6324 | 12940 | 0075 | 8100 | 1825 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 014 | 0 | 6 | 2150 | 3 | 5170 | 6324 | 12941 | 0213 | 0958 | 8829 | 03 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 016 | 0 | 0 | 2135 | 3 | 5325 | 6324 | 12939 | 0001 | 0000 | 9999 | 04 | 02 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 016 | 0 | 3 | 2135 | 3 | 5325 | 6324 | 12939 | 0075 | 0000 | 9925 | 13 | 01 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 016 | 0 | 5 | 2135 | 3 | 5325 | 6324 | 12939 | 3250 | 0000 | 6750 | 05 | 12 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 020 | 0 | 0 | 2135 | 2 | 5430 | 6324 | 12939 | 0352 | 0005 | 9643 | 02 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 020 | 0 | 1 | 2135 | 2 | 5430 | 6324 | 12939 | 0454 | 3200 | 6346 | 06 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 020 | 0 | 5 | 2135 | 2 | 5430 | 6324 | 12939 | 0752 | 0015 | 9233 | 02 | 02 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 020 | 0 | 6 | 2135 | 2 | 5430 | 6324 | 12939 | 0000 | 9999 | 0001 | 04 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 020 | 0 | 7 | 2135 | 2 | 5430 | 6324 | 12939 | 0000 | 1450 | 8550 | 17 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 031 | 0 | 0 | 2227 | 1 | 4160 | 6318 | 12949 | 0055 | 0000 | 9945 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 031 | 0 | 4 | 2225 | 1 | 4155 | 6318 | 12949 | 0912 | 0111 | 8977 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 031 | 0 | 5 | 2225 | 1 | 4160 | 6318 | 12949 | 0752 | 0010 | 9238 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 031 | 2 | 3 | 2226 | 1 | 4160 | 6318 | 12949 | 0055 | 2750 | 7195 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 031 | 2 | 6 | 2227 | 1 | 4120 | 6318 | 12949 | 0542 | 4800 | 4658 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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Site - site number (e.g. 001 to 118)
 Seq - 0=only disturbance of that type sampled at that site
 1=1st, 2=2nd and 3=3rd of two or more disturbances of that type sampled at that site.
 Type - Site type (1) Road
 (2) False Start Road
 (3) Bladed Trail
 (4) Camp Yard
 (5) Bulldozer Track
 (6) Gravel Pit
 (7) Gravel Pit Access Road
 (8) Oil Spill

 RMP - Road milepost east (e.g. 221.9)
 Veg - Physiognomic plant community
 (1) Erect Deciduous Shrub Tundra
 (2) Decumbent Shrub Tundra
 (3) Sedge Meadow Tundra
 (4) Lichen Heath Tundra
 (5) Fruticose Lichen Tundra
 (6) Cushion Plant Tundra
 (7) Crustose Lichen Tundra
 (8) Forb Meadow Tundra

 Elev - Elevation in feet above sea level
 Lat - Latitude (e.g. 63°18' N.L.)
 Long - Longitude (e.g. 129°48' W.L.)
 %Cover - 0=Organic (e.g. 0259=2.59%)
 M=Mineral (e.g. 6300=63.00%)
 P=Plant (e.g. 3441=34.41%)

 Carib - Caribou
 Trl - Trails
 Drop - Pellet groupings or scats
 Dig - Diggings
 Bur - Burrows
 Res - Resident
 G.T. - Game Trail
 Grnd.Squ - Arctic ground squirrel
 Pk - Pika
 Pta - Ptarmigan
 Fx - Fox
 Wf - Wolf
 Bear - Grizzly bear
 Other - miscellaneous counts (e.g. raptor pellets, bone. etc.)

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